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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

THE earliest volume of "Country Correspondence" now existing in the records of Fort St. George is that of 1740. There is then a break, and the next volumes in existence are those of 1748 and 1749. The volume of 1750 not being forthcoming, that of 1751 is here printed.

The letters contained in the volumes described as "Country Correspondence" are translations of those received from and addressed to the different native powers and native functionaries in Southern India by the Governor of Fort St. George. The originals of these letters, which were presumably in Persian, have disappeared, and the English versions are written in large leather-bound volumes, measuring about 17″ × 11″. As in the case of the previous volumes, the paper is watermarked IV on one sheet and on the other shows a device apparently representing three Prince of Wales' plumes within a shield surmounted by a crown and with the letters I V C below. Over these letters, and in continuation of the frame of the shield above, is what seems to be the bale-mark of the East Indian Company, which appears on much of the early coinage. The copyist who wrote the English translations contained in these volumes made many mistakes, and his punctuation is particularly defective. As in the case of previous volumes the documents have been printed just as they stand, and an index has been added.

The events recorded in the correspondence contained in this volume relate mainly to the second stage of the struggle between French and English for predominance in Southern India. The Governor of Madras during the year 1751 was Mr. Thomas Saunders, but the seat of Government was still at Fort St. David, though Fort St. George had been restored to the English by the French in 1749. M. Dupleix was still the presiding genius at Pondicherry, and in the letters included in this volume the name of Clive is for the first time met with. The web of native politics was in a very tangled state, the succession both to the Nawabship of the Carnatic and to the authority of Subadar or Nizam of the Deccan being in dispute. The claimants to the Nawabship of the Carnatic were Chanda Sáhib and Muhammad Ali Khan, afterwards well known as the Nawab Wallaja. Chanda Sáhib, otherwise called Hussain Dost Khan, was a son-in-law of Muhammad Dost Ali Khan, Nawab of the Carnatic, who was slain by the Mahrattas at the battle of Damarlacheruvu Kanama in 1740. Upon Dost Ali Khan's death, Chanda Sahib seized Trichinopoly, but was captured there by the Mahrattas and was kept a prisoner at Sattara for seven years. Returning to Southern India in 1748, he defeated and killed the reigning Nawab of the Carnatic, Anwar-ud-din, at the battle of Ambur in 1749, and claimed to succeed to the Nawabship. In this claim he was supported by M. Dupleix and the French, while the English took the side of the late Nawab's son, Muhammad Ali Khan. This Muhammad Ali Khan, like his father, used the name of Anwar-ud-din, and throughout the correspondence printed in this volume is referred to by the latter designation (Aneverdy Cawn). Meanwhile Asaf Jáh, the first Nizam of the Deccan, had died in 1748, leaving several sons and a grandson, Muzaffar Jang. The eldest son

being absent at Delhi, the succession to Asaf Jáh was seized by the second son, Názir Jang; but a counterclaim was set up by the grandson, Muzaffar Jang, who joined forces with Chanda Sáhib and the French, while the English supported Názir Jang. For a time Názir Jang was successful and Muzaffar Jang surrendered to him. But Názir Jang was treacherously killed in December 1750 by a disaffected Nawab and Muzaffar Jang was then recognized as his successor. He too fell a victim a month later (January 1751) to a similar conspiracy among his adherents, and the French then proclaimed Salabat Jang, another son of Asaf Jáh and a younger brother of Nazir Jang, as Nizam of the Deccan. Shortly afterwards, Salabat Jang retreated from Southern India, leaving Chanda Sáhib, with the aid of the French, to make good his claim to the Nawabship of the Carnatic. During the course of 1751 the struggle between Chanda Sáhib, supported by the French, and Muhammad Ali Khan, the English nominee, proceeded with varying success, and the first important triumph of British arms was Clive's famous defence of Arcot, which is referred to in some of the letters contained in the present volume. It was not until the next year that victory declared itself decidedly on the side of the English by Clive's defeat of the French at Kaveripák and the capture and death of Chanda Sáhib at Srirangam (June 1752).

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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

(FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER)

1751

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

No. 1.

FROM RAZA RAMAH CHENDER TO THE GOVERNOUR RECD THE 2D JANRY 1750/1.

It was an expressible Joy and satisfaction to me to receive your Favour together with a Friendly Present of certain Rarities which are not procurable in my Country according to the List you sent me, I return you my hearty Thanks for the same and wish You all imaginable Happiness. Continue your Correspondence with me. What can I say more.

No. 2.

FROM MUZEPHER JUNG . . . REC'D THE 4TH JANUARY 1750/1.

It is impossible for me to express my Thanks for the unbounded Mercy which it has pleas'd God to shew me, I will praise him not once only, but a hundred, a thousand, nay a hundred thousand times for the extraordinary Conquest he has given me, for by his assistance all the Dust of the Troubles, which has been raise'd, is now laid by the Water of his divine Grace, and the Air is made clean; Praised be God all my Adversaries are now destroyed, and I become sole Ruler of the six Subahs or Provinces under the Decan Country, so that the said Subahs are now entirely under my Power, It was highly requisite for you to treat me with Presents according to Custom, in order to gain my good Will, but You have not done it, which appears very strange to me considering your Sincerity and Obedience, and the Understanding you are endow'd with, however I now expect that you deliver back all the Sea port Towns and other Places which you have been possess'd of, during the Time of the late Troubles, (there being no one then to take Notice of it) to the Moguls People, and send me a Satisfactory Answer as soon as possible, if not, I shall resolve upon a proper Method to recover them.

The following Lines were wrote in a different Hand, suppos'd to be Muzepher Jung's own.

You should think it necessary to continue firm in the Path of Obedience which will gain you a good Reward, on the Contrary Your meet with Shame.

No. 3.

FROM ANAVERDY CAWN REC'D THE 7TH JANUARY 1750/1.

When Nauser Jung was living, he gave me a Saned for the Government of Arcot, Trichenopoly with its Fort &ca, also a Power to collect the Tribute Money from the Tanjour Country, of which you, as well as the whole world are sensible. I gave the English a Phirmaund for Poonamallee Country, according to Nazir Jung's Order, before which I granted them St. Thomé and Trevendaporum ; These Several Grant were given them on Condition that they should defend and protect Arcot, Trichinopoly &ca Countries against any Enemies that may attempt to invade them. Now you must be acquainted that Nazir Jung is kill'd by Treachery, and the Enemy may perhaps march against Trichenopoly Fort, I hope therefore that You'll in pursuance of the Agreement in writing between us, send me a proper Assistance, that I may make myself easy in every Respect. I must repeat my Request that you'll send me a sufficient Force, that I may be easy about Trichenopoly and its Fort, this will be deem'd an act of Friendship, as well as a Performance of your Promise.

What can I say more.

P.S. Nauser Jung gave me the Government of Arcot, Trichenopoly &ca for the Truth of which I refer you to his several Letters to your Predecessors.

No. 4.

FROM PRATAP SHING, KING OF TANJOUR. RECEIV'D THE 2D JANUARY 1750/1.

I am in a perfect State of Health and hope you enjoy the same, I have receiv'd your kind Letter wherein you was please'd to write me that Ramah is arriv'd with you, & has told you of the Friendship I bear towards you & likewise that You have entrusted Ramah with the Management of your Affairs and desire me to let you know the State of this Place, promising to assist me, all which I duly understand as Ramah has wrote me fully on that head. I acknowledge that I depend upon your Friendship, but in the mean time I must acquaint you the French of Carrecall have begun to take Possession of the Country and commit Hostilities as they did some time last year when they plunder'd the Crops and ruin'd the Country. This year I have encourag'd the Inhabitants to make Paddy Fields but by the Misfortune of the Bank of one of the great Lake's giving way, it occasion'd great Freshes, by which with the extraordinary Rains, great Part of the Fields are destroy'd, so that I can scarce recover the Ballance due to my Circar, besides my People are very troublesome about their Pay, In short I must tell you there is no other Estate to my Kingdom, except the Revenues of the Country. I therefore desire you will defend it by all means and thereby establish your Character; You know the French have all along assisted Chunda Saib and settled his Affairs. I, for my part depend upon your Assistance and Friendship, so that I leave everything to your Care and shall remain perfectly satisfied in my mind. I am glad to hear you have sent up some of your Colours & Peons to take Care of Mayoverum ; That Country is pawned to you for your Ballance, You should therefore protect it. I desire you will take care of my Country as you shall judge most proper, All the rest I have wrote to Ramah who will inform you.

What can I say more.

No. 5.

FROM PRATAP SHING KING OF TANJOUR RECEIV'D THE 2D JANRY 1750/1.

I am in a perfect State of Health and hope you enjoy the same, With much Pleasure & Satisfaction I receiv'd your kind Letter which gave me an account of your safe Arrival at Fort St. David to the Government of the Coast ; You are pleas'd to write me that you approve of the Agreements I made with Mootal's Brother Ramah and assure me of your sincere Friendship, which I have an entire Confidence in. You are very upright Gentleman and have gain'd a great Character in the Northward Country by your Goodness, which I have had a particular Account of from Ramah

and it gave me a great deal of Joy, You may be assured that I will take Care to comply with the Contracts I have made with Ramah. I receiv'd your kind Present of Pistols, Guns &ca for which I return you many thanks. As to the Ballance I am indebted on Account of Devi Cotah, which you are so pressing for, I have sent strict Orders to the Subidars of Moyaverum to make all the Haste they possibly can to collect in the Money in order to pay you. I am glad to hear that you have deliver'd back to my People the two Countries belonging to Sheally which were taken Possession of by the late Governour. There is not the least Distinction between us, I entirely rely on your Friendship. As I have wrote to Ramah more fully, He will acquaint You with it.

I take the Liberty to send you a Horse and Tasheriff which I desire your kind Acceptance of.

Please to let me know always of your Health and Wellfare.

What can I say more.

No. 6.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. REC'D THE 13TH JANRY 1750/1.

I was extreamly glad when Mr. Cope arriv'd with me and esteem'd it as a Proof of your true Friendship. I sent you a Phirmaund of Jagueer for Poonamalee Country and hope you have receiv'd it. Concerning the Ballance of Mr. Cope's account, I have wrote to Bukenzee in very expressive Terms and hope he has paid it you. Our Affairs are to be look'd upon in the same Light and by the Blessing of God nothing shall be wanting on either Side to dispatch each other's Business.

When the late Nauzir Jung lay encamp'd near Weldavoor, Messrs. Lawrence, Westcott and Dalton came to his Court; It was then propos'd that they should be ready with their Troops on Service to act, take care & defend the Mogul's Country and use their Endeavours that there might be no Disturbance in any part of the Pain Gaut Country; Nauzer Jung at that time desir'd these Gentlemen to give him in Writing the Number of their Troops in his Service which they did not agree to, but said, their Business did not depend upon the Number of their Troops since they could quell the Disturbances in the Mogul's Country as well by one as a number of Men, or even by the Use of their Colours, but Nausir Jung still insisted on their letting him know the Number of their Troops, While the Affair was upon this Footing, the Major &ca were in too great a hurry, and departed from him to Fort St. David, after which Hodgee Haddee carried a Message to Nauzer Jung and told him, that the English were willing to be ready and appear in the Mogul's Service with 400 Europeans. but as that was a small Number, He did not agree to it; On this it was determin'd to order 600 of their Men to be always along with the Army, and to send a Succour of 400 Europeans besides upon Occasion, but in the interim, the late Turn of Affairs put a stop to it. Now I have given you Poonamalee Country as a Jagueer agreeable to your Request and desir'd you to send your Troops upon the Mogul's Business, but it is a Thing surprizing to me that these Troops having arriv'd with me demand Money for their Expence which makes me write this to you hoping that You'll order Mr. Cope to supply them out of the Revenues of the said Jaqueer and not to demand the Money from me, the Gentleman and Maden Gopall hear and act agreable to my Direction, notwithstanding I desire you'll write to them to look upon me with as much and equal Regard as they do you and discharge their Duty to me as may be requisite and no ways neglect to give me Proofs of their Assistance. This will gain you a good Name and Reputation in this World. You may be assur'd of my Attention to you, and write to me continually of your Health and communicate to me if there is anything extraordinary.

The Following Lines were wrote by Aneverdy Cawn's own Hand.

I have shewn Mr. Cope the Original Perwanas which I obtain'd from Nauzer Jung for the Government of Arcot. Trichenopoly and for the Employment of the Divan, I have also shew'd him a power for collecting the Tribute Money from Tanjour

&ca Copies of all which I will send you under the Caudy's Seal, You should regard this Authority. Several Districts namely St. Thome, Poonamalee and Tervendaporum have been delivered up to you and therefore it won't be amiss if you assist me with the above Force (without putting me to any Expence). Relying on the great Friendship between us, I write this to you. I look upon you as my good Friend and Brother in Consequence of which I expect to receive your Assistance in every Respect.

What can I say more.

No. 7.

To Aneverdy Cawn, Dated the 15th Janry 1750/1.

I am glad to hear of Mr. Cope's Arrival with you and that He found you in good Health, I have receiv'd the Letter you sent me in regard to the Affairs of theCircar and it shall be our Endeavours to assist its concerns to the utmost of our Power. Our Troops that are in your Place are constantly paid their Wages by us, The Batta only remains as pr List which I hope You'll consider of; I have sent a small Detachment of our Troops to the King of Tanjour who will pay them the same Batta and I hope You and He will be good Friends and act jointly to preserve the Peace of the Country. The Papers between us I desire You'll deliver to Mr. Cope to be transmitted to me. I have receiv'd the 27000 Rups. you sent me by a Bill and paid 16000 out of it to the Company in full of the Ballance of their former Account & Ps. 787-15 to Muttoo Kistnah Mr. Floyer's Dubash on account of Arms &ca Stores which reckon'd at the Rate of Rs. 382 pr 100 pags is Rups. 3008, So that the amount of these two Articles is Rups. 19008, the Remainder being Rups. 7992 I paid to Mr. Cope's Account, He has charged you for a Number of Seapoys most part of which are disbanded or dispers'd into different Parts, so that there are not many here at present, You may therefore see & settle your Accounts with him concerning the Seapoys, which in my Opinion cannot amount to a large Sum; Muzepher Jung carries 350 French Men along with him to Aurangabad, and We hear that Duplex & Chunda Saib will go to Arcot in a short time, & that Chunda Saib is inlisting an Army & has sent his Son along with Muzepher Jung I have advanced Rupees 6000 to Mr Cope on account of the Batta & the Amount of the Stores is Pags. 1577-8-36 in all Rups. 6,000 and Pags. 1577-8-36 which I hope you'll send me by a Bill and whatever Store Mr. Cope may bring back with him, I will take them and account with you for the Price.

Continue to write me of your Health & Welfare.

What can I say more.

P.S. I send you a Present of 50 Pegu Oranges and hope You'll accept them.

No. 8.

From Aneverdy Cawn Rec'd the 16th Janry. 1750/1.

I have receiv'd several Letters and Messages from the Camp with an Offer of Accommodation and Friendship and acquainting me that except the Fort of Trichenopoly whatever I request of them shall be granted. As there is a strict Friendship and perfect Union between us, I have deferr'd sending them my final Answer till I have consulted with you & taken your Advice in this Matter, it is a thing well known, that if I reject their Offers their Troops will certainly march to this Place in conjunction with the French and I shal be at War with them, in which Case the Revenues of the Country will be entirely stopp'd; I have not Money enough in my Possession to support the Expence of the War, You'll then be oblig'd to help me with Lead, Gunpowder & Necessaries and to send me proper Assistance as Occasion may require, Your Troops that are now with me demand Money for their Expence and I suppose they will continue to do so even in time of War. If the Company defray the Expences of their own Troops and supply them with necessary Stores during the Time of War, and it please God to grant me Victory and restore me my Country, I

will then pay off their Debts out of the Revenues of it. You see the French have assisted my Adversaries with all their Strength and Riches and done his Business, if you in like Manner protect my Affairs and assist me in every Respect with firm Resolution, taking into Consideration what I have wrote, you above, I don't doubt but God will help me as I have a just Right to the Thing. The French have gain'd a bad Name in the Country but you'll get a good one & Reputation; If it is difficult for youto assist me in the Manner aforesaid and you are not able to defeat the French when they may march against my Fort (which God forbid) it will go very hard with me for it will be impossible for me then to prevail upon these People to stand to and fulfill their present amicable Offers of Accommodation; I therefore send my own Servant herewith to you and desire you'll sincerely let me know what you can do and what are your true Design & Resolutions in this case as soon as possible, you are as remarkable for your Truth & Honesty as the Brightness of the Day, declare to me your sincere & true Resolution and I will act accordingly, Send me a clear Answer to this Letter as soon as possible that I may know what you say and then consult what may be conducive to my Advantage.

What can I say more?

Postscript upon a different Paper inclos'd.

If you sincerely join and act in Conjunction with me and are inclin'd to support me in Trichenopoly, send me proper Forces with all possible Speed by the way of Deve Cotah that I may transport my Family under their care to Fort St. David and be attentive to my Affairs here, I dont think it Convenient to keep my Family in this Place.

What can I say more.

No. 9.

To Aneverdy Cawn Dated 18th January 1750/1.

I have receiv'd your Letter wherein you acquaint me that Offers of Friendship and Accommodation had been made you by Mustapha Jing and Chunda Saib. I heard this before, you are to consider that while you are assisted by us and in Trichenopoly, 'tis not in the Power of the French and Chunda Saib to hurt you but if you once part with these you have nothing to trust to but their Pleasure, you must remember that when Mustapha Jung was defeated and submitted to Nazir Jung he spar'd his Life, which Act of Mercy he return'd by barbarously murdering him. An Instance this that those who are our Enemies seldom become our Friends. I hope you are convinc'd that our Friendship is sincere and I now repeat to you that you may depend upon us as true Friend, We have receiv'd a Jageer to assist the Circar and shall always do it to our utmost. It is true we have as yet got very little advantage from these Places and must be oblig'd to defend them, in regard to the Expences I wrote to you yesterday, what I propos'd was not extraordinary, please to consider it, we shall in this all well as all other Cases regard your Friendship I have wrote to Deve Cotah and to Capt. Cope concerning an Escort for your Family, he will inform you. I desire you will let me hear from you often and advise me in what Manner you purpose to act against our Enemies that I may be able to serve you the better, I again repeat you may depend upon us and I hope God will bless your Affairs with Success.

P.S In regard to the Gunpowder & Stores which Mr. Cope has brought with him you need not send me the Amount of the price now but just when it may suit your Conveniency.

No. 10.

To Aneverdy Cawn. Dated 19th Janry 1750/1.

Last Night I receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Cope who informs me that he is in so good a Situation that if the united Forces of the French and all our Enemies were to march against Trichenopoly it would not be in their Power to take it, you may therefore make yourself easy, it shall be our Endeavours to assist you to the utmost of our Power, write to me often and command me freely in what I can serve you.

What can I say more.

P.S. If there are any Accounts between us They shall be settled by you and me which will avoid a great Deal of Trouble, Please to make yourself easy on this Head.

No. 11.

To Pratap Shing King of Tanjour.

'Tis some time since I sent Mootal's Brother to wait on you with a Letter, I suppose some extraordinary Business has occasion'd my not hearing from you, you must certainly have been acquainted with the Fate of Nazar Jing, You are a better Judge of Affairs than I can be, this will be deliver'd or sent you by my Officer who has Orders to acquaint you how great a Friendship I have for you, please to assist him in anything he may want, let me hear from you and write me how your Affairs are.

No. 12.

To Pratap Shing King of Tanjour.

Ramah is come here and by him I was glad to hear of your Health and Friendship, you may be assur'd I shall on my Part always have the same Regard for you, I have entrusted him with the Management of our Affairs, his People will bring you this, write to me of the State of your Affairs and let me know how I can be of Service to you.

I have sent some of our Flags and Seapoys to take Care of Moyeveram Country mortgag'd by you to us for our Money.

I shall be glad you would send me an answer to the Letter I wrote you.

No. 13.

From Pratap Shing King of Tanjour Received 23d Janry 1750/1.

I enjoy a good State of Health and hope you do the same I have receiv'd your affectionate Letter and observe the Assurances you are pleas'd to give me of continuing a strict Friendship with me which gives me a great deal of Pleasure and has been confirm'd to me by a Letter from Ramah. I depend on you alone for the Defence of me and my Kingdom and leave every thing to your good Management. My Kingdom is in great Scarcity at present, the Revenues of the Country are my only Estate. The Crops of course Paddy are mostly destroyed by the extraordinary Rains, so that my main Dependence is upon the second Crop and I am afraid that will be spoil'd by the Disturbances committed by the People of Carical, My Havildars of the Country are everywhere alarm'd which confusion impedes the carrying on my Business, In short the French are resolv'd to ruin my Country but I am not in the least apprehensive of them as I depend on your Conduct and I doubt not You'll do me and my Kingdom all the Service you can, the Particulars of the above I have wrote to Ramah who will inform you, I desire You'll advise me always of your Health and Welfare.

What can I say more.

No. 14.

To Pratap Shing of Tanjour. Dated 24th January 1750/1.

I have had the Pleasure of receiving two Letters from you with a present of a Horse which I look upon as a Mark of your Esteem, I was glad to hear of your perfect Health which may God continue, 'twas a great Satisfaction to me to observe, by the Phirmaund you sent me for Deva Cotah, the Opinion you have of our Friendship. I now send you our Contract of Alliance by which you will be convic'd how sincere our Regard is for you, I observe what you write me of the State of your Country and have enquir'd of Ramah the particular according to your Request I have sent a Detachment of Men with an able Officer to your Assistance, I have paid them here, you are only to discharge their Batta an account of which I send you. I have advanc'd on this Account & their other Charges on their March Rs. 3,000, My officer will acquaint you what part thereof he has paid away which you will please to repay

him as also P gs. 215–2–50 the amount of the several Stores sent with the Party. The Officer has Orders to do every thing that may be for your Good, you will now make yourself easy. I desire you will write me often, let me know how your Affairs go on and tell me wherein I can serve you. May God grant you Success.

I hear you have a Map of this Country. I request you will let my Officer copy it.

No. 15.

From Nabob Aneverdy Cawn   Receiv'd the 26th January 1750/1.

I have lately sent you Saneds for the Jageer, Mensels &ca which I hope you have receiv'd ; It is a very great Satisfaction to me to find that you are inclin'd to assist me & that Mr. Cope is arriv'd here with a Detachment of your Troops and necessary Stores of War, I have the pleasure to acquaint you that I have a good Force of my own & have wrote to the Kings of Tanjour, Mayasoor as also to Maraver, Nalacooty, Tondeman &ca Poligars to join me & given them good Encouragem^t. it is therefore not to be doubted but they will come, but I have a better Assistance than all these which is yours, and since I am so well supply'd with everything necessary I see no manner of Occasion to make it up with the Enemy. The Intent of my writing to you of the Offer of Accommodation lately was to strengthen you in your Friendship & Assistance to me & to make you strictly attach'd to what you have begun and that you might continue so to the very End, I am glad that I have found you such as I could wish, which is my good Helper, now I have no other thoughts than to strengthen myself and to act against the Enemy, I therefore desire you'ill direct Mr. Cope to send your Flags to such Places and Towns as I shall desire him without delay and act as I bid him in every Respect; I intend to send English Flags to Valour, Saut Gada, Chetpet, Ranzen Gada &ca Killedars who are my Friends, I desire therefore you'll write to Mr. Cope to send Flags to all such Places as I think necessary which will be a means to strengthen & encourage our Friends. Vizia Ramaraz who has declar'd himself Son to the Nabob my Father, has sent you herewith a Letter of Friendship.

What can I say more.

I have been inform'd that you have sent a Detachment of your Troops to the Assistance of the King of Tanjour, in which you have acted very right ; I desire you will order them to join me up on any Occasion & those that are with me to assist them in the same Case. Write to the King of Tanjour to join me with his Forces and warlike Necessaries whenever I may desire him and to hear and act as I direct in every Respect, Write to him also to pay what he is indebted to me, as I have a Saned or Power to receive the Tribute Money from Tanjour I am concern'd in the Affairs of that Country. I have shewn the above Power with the Saneds for Arcot, Trichinopoly &ca to Mr. Cope and will shortly send you Copies attested by a Caudy. The Troops that are now with me must continue here ; Trichenopoly has 3 Provinces belonging to it, Trichenopoly, Madera and Tinnevelly, These three are of large Extents, it is requisite they shouldbe taken care of by sending several Guards to different Districts to defend them, if these are preserv'd we shall then be in full Possession of Trichenopoly Country ; for this purpose it is highly necessary you should send me a fresh Supply of three hundred Europeans.

I very seldom hear from you, as for Instance I have not yet receiv'd an answer to my last ; Don't wait to hear from me but write to me continually and enquire after my Affairs, Send your Letters either by your own or my People, I shall be glad to receive them. I have receiv'd Letters from Mustapha Jung, Chunda Saib &ca and intended to defer answering them till I heard from you but as you did not write to me so soon as I expected & Mustapha Jung's Posts were in a great Hurry I return'd very civil answers to them in consideration of the following wise Saying, " Why should we begin a Fray to day which may be done as well tomorrow.

No. 16.

To Nabob Aneverdy Cawn dated 31st January 1750-51

Before your Letter came to hand I had receiv'd from Capt Cope the Saned for the Jageer &ca 'tis a pleasure to me to observe you are convinc'd of our Attachment to you, I hope it will answer the End & that you will triumph over your Enemies & receive from Court a Phirmaund establishing you in your Government. I made no doubt but they would write you and make you many Promises but you must judge whether they are to be rely'd on, had they the worst Designs against you they could do no more than divest you of your Power and afterwards you must entirely submit to them, I have wrote to the King of Tanjour to keep a strict Friendship with you that by uniting your Forces you may be the better able to conquer your Enemies, I receiv'd the Letter you sent me from my Friend Vizaram Rauze, the purport was to desire I would maintain the same Friendship with you as I did with him, I here since Japhir Ally Cawn came to the Chickacul Government that his Affairs are in a better way ; I wrote you by your own Hircaras who inform'd me of every thing and who I doubt not will tell you the necessary, I shall write you constantly and as you will have a perfect Knowledge of the Affairs of the Country I desire you will advise me of any-thing that may occur. Capt. Cope has Orders to be agreable to you. May your Friends multiply and you meet with success as is due to the greatest Merit.

Chunda Saib &ca seem to wait the good or ill Success Mustapha Jing may meet with, don't be unmindful to write to your Friends at Court that may serve you.

No. 17.

From Pratap Saing King of Tanjour. Rec'd the 3rd Febuary 1750-1.

I enjoy a good State of Health & hope you do the same.

You are no doubt acquainted with the State of Affairs at this Place by the Letter I sent you last & more particularly by Ramah who has wrote me that you bear a great Regard for me & my Kingdom and that you'll protect & aid me in the Manner the French have Chunda Saib which gave me singular Pleasure & Satisfaction.

In this Assurance I take the Liberty to refer my Affairs to your good Management. Upon the arrival of the Detachment you was pleas'd to send to my Assistance (which call'd upon Capt. Cope at Trichinopoly) I recall'd my Ambassador Succava-naick from Carrecal, quitted all Manner of Correspondence with the French & dispatch'd my Officer Dawod Cawn Dalory with your People to hoist the English Colours all over my Country beginning from Combaconum. There has been Enmity between the French and me from a long time, I believe that will increase now on the foregoing Accounts but however I need not be apprehensive of them as I entirely depend upon your Aid and Assistance and instrust you with the Defence of my Kingdom, Esteem it as your own Settlement and preserve it to the Establishment of your great Character and the Welfare of the Province all which I desire you'll please to take into your Consideration and send a sufficient Reinforcemt. Dispatch Ramah up to me with all Expedition I shall shall transact all Affairs immediately upon his Arrival. The rest I have wrote to Ramah, who will inform you more fully. I desire You'll always advise me of your Health & Happiness.

What can I say more.

No. 18.

From Nabob Aneverdy Cawn Rec'd the 4th February 1750/1.

I was extremely glad to receive your Letter dated the 18th January last with a Duplicate of the 22d of the same Month wherein you are pleas'd to say that wherever the English are assisting it is not in the power of the French to do any harm, desiring me at the same time to depend upon your Friendship and make myself easy in the Fort of Trichinopoly and to look upon you as a true Friend and a Helper and not to think of expecting any good Service from the Enemy, as you are so good to give me these Assurances, I shall think of nothing but how to act against the Enemy &

strengthen myself, it is necessary therefore on your Part to help and take care of me in every Respect according as you have wrote me, You was pleas'd to say likewise that you have receiv'd a Jageer from the Circar to assist its concerns in ev'ry Respect and that you will always do it, I am glad to find the English have so upright a Sense of Friendship especially your Honour in whom I have the greatest hope of Assistance, you are pleas'd to say further that the Charges you propos'd for your Troops with me was not extraordinary and that you would in like Manner conduct every thing to my Satisfaction, I am very thankful to you on this Account, so much as it is impossible for me to express in writing and I wish that your Friendly Assistance may increase, concerning the amount of Ammunition &ca sent along with Mr. Cope you say there is no urgency at present to send it to you for which I am oblig'd to you, this Sum shall be sent you whenever you may call for it, you desir'd me to communicate to you the Manner I purpose to act against the Enemy that you might serve me the better, at present my Intention is to strengthen the Trichinopoly Country and by & by I shall think of retaking the Arcot Province but in the interim of the French & Chunda Saib should attempt to march against Trichenopoly, you should then enter into a Method to prevent them. Please to write to the French and tell them that your Flag is hoisted at Trichenopoly and that if they make an attempt against it it will Occasion War between you which in all likelihood may prevent them from Marching this way however you may consult what Measures you think fit to stop the Enemy from executing their Intentions. Write to me constantly concerning your Health & Welfare.

I entirely depend upon your Friendship and Protection, as I despair of all hopes of receiving any Assistance from my other Friends in different Parts ; I hope therefore that You'll assist and protect me in such a manner that I may continue in this province undisturb'd. This will gain you a good Name & Reputation.

I hereby grant you Liberty to use the Musick call'd a Noubet and it will be a great pleasure to me to hear that you make use of it. I intend shortly to send you a present of Cloth and other Rarities procurable in this place and then I hope you'll in regard to the Friendship between us, accept them.

I intend either to send my Family to Devicotah under the care of one of my Brothers, or to leave somebody here to command and come myself to you, but I am not yet determin'd to do either one or the other I shall soon let you know my Resolutions.

No. 19.

To the Phousdar of Metchlepatam. Dated 9th February 1750/1.

Hearing some People are plundering the Country I have tho't proper to send my People to take Possession of our Factory at Metchelepatam and to hoist our Colours on Due Island, as we have Phirmaunds for Phirmunds for the same from Court upon Condition of paying a yearly Sum stipulated, You must not think we do this as Enemies to you on the contrary as Friends and shall conform ourselves to the Condition agreed on ; I desire your Countenance to my People.

No. 20.

From Nabob Aneverdy Cawn Receiv'd the 10th Febry 1750/1.

This is to acquaint you that I have wrote three Letters One to the Great Mogul, One to Nabob Nizam Almuluck Bahader Pharooz Cawn Nizam's eldest Son, & Brother to Nausir Jung and the other to Nabob Sheja al Mulk Mahomed Allaverdy Cawn Behader Mahabet Jung Hashem Al Develah concerning what has pass'd in this Province & desiring them to procure Phirmaunds to be sent to me. These Letters come herewith to you & I desire you'll forward them in Bags to Bengal as soon as possible by Sea to be delivered to the Nabob there who will transmit them to Court & send us Answers, Phirmaunds &ca both in mine and your Name Please to write to the Gov at Bengal to send the said Letters to the Nabob by a trusty Man with

Directions to procure his Answer as soon as possible & to desire him to send the Phirmaunds as soon as they are brought from Court. I have wrote very much in your Behalf to the Court & I hope in God that the Phirmaunds will soon arrive in our Name. The sooner you send these Letters and procure answers to them, the better, I shall be much oblig'd to you. Please to write to the said Governour to procure the Nabob of Bengal's Answer and send it me immediately.

The Following Lines were wrote in Mahomed Ally Cawn's Own Hand.

It is highly necessary for you to use your best Endeavours in the above Affair, I suppose you have heard of what pass'd at Combagonum in the Tanjour Country, You should take your Revenge for it, if not the People in the Province can't be easy. You know best what is to be done in this Affair, as soon as you have forwarded the said Letters let me know.

I have put the above Letters in a Bamboo & sent them to you by Abdull Reheman &ca Carriers, Please to transmit them by a safe & speedy Conveyance either by Sea or Land to the Nabob of Bengal and procure his Answer let the Carriers go along with the Letters. In doing this piece of Service You'll much oblige me.

Please to send all my Firelocks that are good as soon as possible. If any want mending get them repair'd before you send them.

Motabar Cawn Son to Nabob Mahomed Hussan Cawn one of the great men in the Province is my true Friend, he relying on your Friendship & Goodness designs to send his Family & Effects to remain under your Protection & to that End he is desirous that I should procure your Cowl. I therefore desire you'll be so kind to draw one out according to the Form inclos'd, Seal it with your Seal & then send it to me that I may transmit it to the said Motabar Cawn that he may make himself easy & send his Family to live under your Protection.

Form of the above Cowl.

You may without any Apprehension bring your Family and Effects & leave them in Fort St. David as long as you think proper ; I shall take care of them in every Respect. You shall be at Liberty to take them from thence whenever you please, & I shall not hinder them on any Account whatsoever.

You should think it necessary to do all the good Offices in your Power at this Juncture which will be a means to draw People into our Interest.

What can I say more.

No. 21.

To Nabob Anwerdy Cawn. Dated. 10th February 1750/1.

I have receiv'd your Letter by Abdull Raheman together with those you wrote to Court, If they had been brought to me yesterday I would have sent them upon a Ship which sail'd for Bengal this Morning, however I shall not neglect to transmit them to Madrass with Directions to be forwarded from thence to Bengal upon a Vessel which will sail shortly to that Place.

I have also receiv'd the Letter you was pleas'd to write me concerning Combagonum, it is said that Place has been mortgag'd to the French, I told the Tanjour Vakeel to enquire into the Matter before he hoisted our Colours, which he neglected nor did the King put this Place under our Protection in the Manner you did yours. The Commanding Officer at Tanjour acquaints me that the French return'd for answer to what he wrote them concerning our Flag at Combagonum, that it was not they that pull'd it down but we have great Reason to think it was, however I shall enquire further into this Matter. The Commanding Officers of my Troops have Orders to oppose the French if they offer to insult our Flags of which Mr. Cope will inform you more fully ; Please to enquire whether Combagonum has been really mortgag'd to the French & let me know. As to the other particulars contain'd in your Letters I will answer you very soon, I wish you Health & Happiness.

What can I say more.

No. 22.

From Nabob Aneverdy Cawn. Rec'd the 15th February 1750/1.

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that it has pleas'd the Almighty God to punish our Enemies very soon for Muzepher Jing and the Patans fought on the 3rd Instant & Muzepher Jung was kill'd; Bahader Cawn (Nabob of Condanore) was kill'd by Nabob Nizam Ally Cawn Salabet Jung's own Hand, Abdull Nabey Cawn (the Nabob of Cudapah) was wound'd and made his Escape. The said Nizam Ally Cawn has obtain'd his just Right by taking the Government upon himself. God grant you & all other my Welwishers Joy on this Account. I shall not fail to send you a particular Account of the foregoing by & by.

What can I say more.

In Aneverdy Cawn's own Hand.

By the Help of God we must proceed to settle our Affairs in the Arcot Country, I hear from you very seldom.

No. 23.

To Aneverdy Cawn Dated the 15th February 1750/1.

The Letters you are pleas'd to write me have in them that Air of Sincerity & Affection that ' tis a great Pleasure to me to receive & answer them.

In regard to what you wrote concerning the French taking down our Colours at Combagonum, I inclose you Copy of a Letter from the French before our Troops march'd out, whether or no this Place is morgag'd to them I cannot say, I have wrote to the King of Tanjour and on his telling me how that Affair really is I shall act accordingly.

The Letters you sent for the Mogul were this Day forwarded to Madras by a Ship & from thence will be sent to Bengall.

With this you will receive a Cowl for Motabar Cawn his family and Effects.

The Bridge you wrote for is about & there were 216 Firelocks belonging to you in this Place which have been sent to Devi Cotah with several other Stores if you have left any more Arms in this Place let me know in whose Custody they are & I will get them sent to you.

The Workmen you desir'd shall be sent to you & I will endeavour to get a Chaize & Horses for you.

We have receiv'd Intelligence that Muzepher Jung is killed & Nizam Ally Cawn declar'd Nizam, as you are very well acquainted with the Nature of Affairs in the Empire, pray let me know what Change of Affairs there will be and what is your Opinion concerning the present Revolution, whether this young Nizam will be able to support his Affairs & how Matters will stand. I wish you Health & Happiness.

What can I say more.

No. 24.

From Pratap Shing King of Tanjour to Ramah. Receiv'd the 15th February 1750/1.

I observe the Contents of your Letter to my Vakeel Govinda Row whom you requir'd to let you know whether Combaconum is mortgag'd to the French or not. In answer thereto I do now assure you that Combagonum never was mortgag'd to the French. Last year when Chunda Saib distress'd this Kingdom, Moyeveram & Mennarcovil were mortgag'd to him by Force & Violence but not with my voluntary Act, (all the Villages which were assign'd to my Officers in the said Country excepted) At the Time Chunda Saib retir'd from hence he wrote me a Letter wherein, he declar'd that he did not want Mennarcovil but would only keep Moyeveram in Security. I further acquaint you that I have mortaged no Country to the French nor had they any Reason for taking down, the English Colours that were hoisted at

Combagonum. They have begun to cut the Crops in the Country of Mennarcovil & committed several Disorders in the Rest of the Places I repeat to you once more that Combagonum Country is not mortgag'd to any body.

I desire you will come up to me speedily for I leave all my Affairs to your good Management. Pray come at the first Sight of this letter.

All the Rest you'll know by Managee Row's Letter.

No. 25.

FROM MANAGEE ROW TO RAMAH. RECEIV'D THE 15TH FEBRUARY 1750/1.

The same Account as the King's with Regard to Combagonum with this Addition. I have block'd up the French in the Pagoda of Combagonum & taken Prisoners all the People belonging to them who were collecting in the Revenues, I have got about 2000 Musqueteers and a good Supply of Warlike Stores; One of the Poligars has defeated the French Detachment at Mennarcoil, there is about 8000 of the Polygars Peons arriv'd near Tanjour to join us. Murver, Tondiman &ca Chief Polygars are ready with 20000 foot, So that we only wait an Order from the King to destroy the French & hope to give you an account of my Success in a few Days. Capt. Pascal is come to me from Tanjour, I have provided a proper Place for that Gentleman to encamp in and shewn him a great Deal of Civility. The French will undoubtedly receive due Chastizement for their unjust Proceedings, particularly taking down the English Colours at Combagonum.

No. 26.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. REC'D THE 16TH FEBRUARY 1750/1.

In my last to you I acquainted you that Muzepher Jung, Behader Cawn &ca treacherous Patans were kill'd & the Governmt of the Decan Country follow into the Hands of Nabob Nizam Ally Salabet Jung. I thank God our Enemies have met with deserved Punishment in a very short time and the Right has return'd to its just Owner. I have a just Claim to the Government of Arcot, it is therefore necessary I should settle & regulate the Affairs of that Country as well as Trichenopoly, if I should set out for Arcot to take Possession of that Province and the French go & hoist their Flags in different Parts of it, they must be molested & prevented. What method your propose and what are you Designs in that case explain to me freely and fully that I may act accordingly. The French made use of Muzepher Jung (who had not the Interest of the Country at Heart) for a Plea & carried on their Hostilities in Cunjunction with Chunda Saib to the highest Pitch and supported him so heartily, as is notorious to People of all Ranks, as this false Pretence of theirs is now remov'd, I suppose they can have no further Plea to concern themselves in the Affairs of the Carnatick Country, I have the English for my Helpers & am the true Governoir of the said Country according to Sanads from Court, You continue in Allegiance to the King of Indostan, alias the Great Mogul & therefore should think yourself oblig'd in justice to assist my Affairs in every Respect, I don't doubt but you have all this at heart, advise me what is your Sense of the Affair, Let me know also whether you are able to overcome the French & protect & Defend the Trichenopoly and Arcot Countries in case they still continue their Protection to Chunda Saib & carry on Hostilities or endeavour to invade Trichinopoly, you'll advise me further concerning a sufficient Force & necessaries of War to be kept in readiness to resist the French and support our own Affairs in the above Countries. Consult thoroughly & seriously upon what I have wrote above and send me an answer as soon as possible, which I am impatient to receive in order to prepare myself to march to Arcot, I shall act according as you may write, If the French march against Trichinopoly, Please to be cautious and Detach your Troops to me with such Care and Diligence that they may arrive with me before the Enemy's Army ; I must tell you that the Preservation of these two Countries entirely depends upon you. Do what you think best and let me know. Keep your Army in readiness for I wait only for that.

In Aneverdy Cawn's own Hand.

Send me an answer to this Letter with all possible speed

No. 27.

To Nabob Anbverdy 'Cawn. Dated 16th February 1750/1.

I was extremely glad to receive your Letter of Congratulation which gave an account of the Enemy's Destruction and of Nabob Nizam Ally Cawn's taking the Government upon himself, as Justice will always prevail, it has taken its course at last, on my part I wish you joy on the Occasion and all imaginable Happiness.

I as well as you have heard from different Places of the Fate of Muzepher Jung &ca a thing so universally related one cannot easily doubt but must still be circumspect as one wrong Step may ruin all, Nazar Jung was not kill'd by Force of Arms but treachery, neither did Muzepher Jung lose his Life before the Walls of Pondicherry but in a distant Place calculated for such Designs, Capt. Cope writes me you would know my Opinion, I give it you freely ; be cautious and not too hasty, 'tis well known they cannot hurt you at Trichenopoly but are you assur'd that when you have quitted that, you shall meet with Friends and in case you should not, that you will be able to recover it again, consider this well, a few days will give you a perfect Knowledge of Affairs, send some People that you can trust to enquire, 'tis reasonable to suppose that Nazir Jung's Brother will not return to this Province but proceed to Golconda & Aurangabad, endeavour first to get from him new Phirmaunds & a Force to help to establish you in your Government this is what I can think of at present and I must repeat that you by no means hazard the Loss of Trichenopoly.

I have Advice that Ramodoss Punt and Muzepher Cawn the head Subadar of the French are making Interest to procure the young Nizams Phirmaunds for Chunda Saib, you should be cautious and use your Endeavours against it, Make Interest to procure the Phirmaund for yourself. Shaw Navaz Cawn is in the Army, you must be careful of his Tricks I wish you Health & Happiness.

What can I say more.

No. 28.

From Nabob Anbverdy Cawn. Receiv'd the 28th February 1750/1.

I was extreamly well pleas'd to receive your two Letters on the 20th Instant wherein you say that the French can do no harm to any Place under the care of the English, desiring me therefore to take proper Care of the Fort of Trechinopoly, to send for news from the Country, to consider well upon the Circumstances of Affairs & to endeavour to get Phirmaunds from Nizam Ally Cawn. I am oblig'd to you for your friendly and good Advice which proceeds from your perfect Understanding & shall follow it. Agreable thereto I shall not leave the Fort of Trichenopoly on the contrary shall fortify & strengthen it in the best Manner I can. I have sent my People to the Army, Golconda, Aurangabad, Delly &ca to bring me an account of all Transactions, I have wrote to my Vakeel in Nizam Ally Cawn's Army and also to Court about the Phirmaunds and I hope in God that they will be soon sent to confirm me in my just Government. You are plea'd to ask my Opinion concerning Nizam Ally Cawn whether he can settle his Affairs upon a firm footing or there will be any Alteration, Let me inform you that this Nizam Ally is but a young Man and consequently has no Sense of his own and no proper Guardian with him. Gazedy Cawn is the only Person that has full Power to whom I wrote a Letter and sent it to you together with Letters for the Great Mogul &ca which you was pleas'd to forward by Sea and Duplicates have been sent by Land. As I have Phirmaunds seal'd by Nazir Jung for the Government of the Carnatick Country, Gazedy Cawn will in all Likelihood regard what his Brother did & send me his Phirmaunds to confirm me. I am glad that I am safe in Trichenopoly and have the English who exceed the French in Faith for my helpers. The French have protected Thieves and under that Plea carried on their Hostilities to the highest Pitch ; I am true Deputy to the Mogul, and proper Governour of the Carneteck Country as I have authentick Phirmaunds in my Custody under Nazir Jung's seal, it is therefore reasonable for you to assist me in every Respect which will gain you the good Pleasure of the Great Mogul & your King in Europe and likewise procure you Reputation in the World. I have deferr'd my March to Arcot till you think fit to write to me & send me a proper Force to act in Conjunction with me. I have sent your Cowl to Motabar Cawn.

Please to order the Bridge to be sent meas soon as possible. When you can get the Chaize & Horses, send them also. I desire you'll be mindfull to procure an answer to the Letters sent by your Ships to Bengal. Advise me whether the English Ships are arriv'd & how Matters stand between the French and English in Europe: I am persuaded that the French cannot venture to molest any Place under the Care of the English but for all that I desire you to keep a good Look out and in case they march against me (which God forbid) Send a proper Force to my Assistance with all imaginable Haste that they may arrive here before the Enemy's Entrance into my Territories, this will enable me to prevent their Incussions, I have perus'd the Translate of the Letter from the French Chief at Carical to Mr. Cope & find that he protested in the Name of his King against your taking Possession of Combagonam, I desire you'll in like Manner write a Letter to the French Gov at Pondicherry & tell him that the Fort at Trichenopoly and the Country under it were mortage'd to the English while Nausir Jung was living protesting at the same time in the Name of your King against his People's making Incursions in any Part of it, This prudent Step may be conducive to our Happiness. Write to me constantly concerning your Health & Welfare.

What can I say more.

The 3 following to be enter'd after Aneverdy Cawn's Letter recd. 29th March when this mark is

A Copy of a Phirmaund from Ahemed Shaw the Great Mogull to Aneverdy Cawn Behader Dated the 2d of Moon Rebeelevel in the 3d year of his Reign answering the 19th of January 1750/1 O.S. attested by a Caudy.

The Government of the Subahs of the Decan Country has been conferr'd by me upon Nizam Al Malk Gazedey Cawn Behader Feervaz Jung since the Death of Nizam Al Davalah Nauzir Jung Behader, whither he will therefore proceed. You are hereby requir'd to continue with full Firmness in your own Districts and punish and expel such as may prove Disturbers. Don't neglect in any Respect to hear & follow Gazedy Cawn's Direction and think not to act contrary to the best Advice that may be given you by him, in so doing you'll procure Happiness & Benefit to yourself. Observe this as a strict Command.

A Copy of a Letter from Nabob Bahader Javeed Cawn, Grand Vizier to Ahmed Shaw to Aneverdy Cawn Dated the 12th Moon Rebeelevel in the 3d year of his Majesty's Reign answering the 29th of January 1750/1. Attested by a Caudy.

The Government of the Subahs of the Decan Country has been conferr'd by the Imperial Court of his Majesty to Nabob Nizam Al Mulk Feeroaz Jung Behader alias Gazedy Cawn upon the Death of Nizam Al Develah Naizir Jung whither he will therefore proceed. It has pleas'd his Majesty to send his Phirmaund to you as well as to all other Governours and I write this by his Majesty's special Order requiring you to act agreeable to the said Phirmaund and to be obedient thereto. Be you diligent & careful in the Business of the Naib which has been entrusted to you. Use your Endeavours in regulating the Affairs of your own Districts and punish and expel such as may prove Disturbers and in all Respects act agreeable to the said Gazedey Cawn & hear him which will be a Means to increase his Majesty's (who is the King of Kings) Mercy and my good Pleasure to You.

A Copy of a Letter from Nabob Nizam Almulk Gazedy Cawn Behader to Aneverdy Cawn Dated the 12th Moon Rebeelevel in the 3d Year of the Mogul's Reign answering the 29th Janry 1750/1 O.S. and attested by a Caudy.

The Government of the Subahs of the Decan Country is conferr'd on me by the Imperial Court of his Majesty in the same Manner as it was given to Nizam Al Devlah Behader Nauzir Jung, I therefore require you to be firm and act as a Phousdar in the Carnatick Country of the Pain Gaut under Golcondah and in the Country of Trichenopoly as formerly and to regulate the Affairs thereof & punish & expel such as may prove Disturbers. I have had Information of your true Attachment to our Interest from a long time and I know the same full well: I hope you'll now improve it to the highest Degree. Be assur'd of my good Inclination to you and make yourself perfectly easy in every Respect, I send you his Majesty's Phirmaund and Nabob Bahader's

Letter, cause therefore a Phirmaund Tent to be fix'd as customary and receive them with great Marks of Respect and Honour. Play upon the Noubet & then enter into your Tent.

No. 29.

FROM NABOB ANEVERY CAWN RECEIV'D THE 2D MARCH 1750/1.

I write this to acquaint you that several Killedars, namely Meera Saut, Motabar Cawn, Heraset Cawn & Murtazally Cawn in the Carnateck Country are my Friends, if we assist these People we shall gain two several Benefits by it, the first is a general good Name & Reputation because of our Protection to them and the second is, our Troops can take Shelter at these People's Forts whenever they may be sent to take Possession of the Carnateck Country and by that our Designs to settle the Affairs of the Province will be more easily put in Execution. The Killedars are true Servants to the Mogull and no pretended Governours are equal to that Rank, it is necessary therefore for you to grant your Assistance to them.

I have been apply'd to by Meera Saut for Assistance for the Fort of Chetpet, He has a sincere Friendship for me I desire you therefore to send him one hundred regular Soldiers with the English Flag as he is desirous of your Protection and Friendship, he tells me in his Letter that he has mark'd a Place within the Town Walls separate from the Fort for your Troops to lay in as the inner Fort is not so convinient for that Purpose. I must therefore desire you'll order the Commanding Officer you may send there with your Troops to act as Meera Saut desires in that Respect and to hoist the English Flag upon the Fort to prevent the French from making Attempts against it, if you yield your Assistance & send Forces and Flaggs to the Killedars who are my Friends You'll get a good Name and Reputation in the World besides People will think themselves under a Kind of an Obligation both to you and me.

I have lately sent the Troops under Mr. Cope's Command to Tinnevelly & Madera to suppress Aulem Cawn and some other Rebels encourag'd by our Enemies to commit Hostilities there so that there are now none of your Troops remaining here for the Preservation of the Fort & the County under it; I therefore want a fresh Force, if you will please to send me two hundred Soldiers and four hindred regular Men they will be of great Service to me. I am inform'd that Peace is concluded between the King of Tanjour and the French whose Troops are return'd to their own Place out of the King's Dominions, if you intend to recal your Troops from Tanjour send an Order to them to come to me for I am in great Want of Men at present.

Inform me whether any Letters to Court are forwarded from Madras. Please to take care of me in every Respect

In Aneverdy Cawn's Own Hand.

I have a great Desire to see you and with God may grant it.

No. 30.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN REC'D THE 5TH MARCH 1750/1.

I have sent Noor Mahomed Cawn alias Shaick Noorel Heck to stay with you as my Agent and hope You'll order a proper Lodging to be given him and that he have free Access to you whenever he may chuse, give him free Liberty to converse with you, & don't let any unnecessary Persons be by for fear of divulging the Secrets which he may communicate, whatever Noor Mahomed says to you esteem in the same Light as of it was from me & endeavour to conform to it. I have ordered him to stay with you and to act and manage my Affairs as Abdul Jaleel did in time past, I desire You'll in regard to the Friendship between us shew your Favours to him in every Respect.

What can I say more.

In Anevery Cawn's Own Hand

This Noor Mahomed Cawn is a very sensible Man, besides he is my Relation, it will be a great pleasure to me to hear that you use him well. My whole Dependence is upon you and I desire you'll be mindful of my Affairs.

No. 31.

To Nabob Aneverdy Cawn. dated 9th March 1750/1.

I have had the pleasure of receiving your several Letters, you think I don't write you often, sometimes when an immediate Answer is not requir'd I may perhaps through Multiplicity of Business defer it a few Days, yet be assur'd I am continually thinking how I can be of Service to you. The Saneds you inclos'd are come to hand and I have not been wanting to write concerning you. You will already have receiv'd a Reinforcement from Deve Cotah. 'Tis some time since I heard from the King of Tanjour, I wish he has not deceiv'd me in his Behaviour, 'tis Reported he has made Peace with the French I have sent my Vakeel to him and when any can be spar'd from hence you may depend upon my doing my utmost. Should any French Troops move towards you, I have ordered Mr. Pascal to go to your Assistance, be you sure to hoist our Colours, at the same time Noor Mahomed is come here whom I shall use with all imaginable Kindness.

P.S. I hear Chunda Saib and some French are going to Arcot, & have therefore ordered Mr. Pascal to go immediately to you leaving a few only at Tanjour.

No. 32.

From Nabob Anevérdy Cawn. Rec'd the 11th March 1750/1.

In my last Letters to you I acquainted You of Mr. Cope March towards Madera with the Troops under his Command and desir'd you to send me a fresh Force with an Officer to act in Room of Mr. Cope here which I hope are come safe to your Hands. I imagine you have by this Time detach'd a Body of one thousand Men consisting of Coffrees &ca regularly train'd under the Command of an able Officer, if not I desire You'll send them to me as soon as possible for I am in great Want of Men at present, as to their Charges I shall pay them according as you may write. My Brother Abdul Vahaba Cawn is along with Mr. Cope.

I have receiv'd Intelligence that Chunda Saib set out from Pondicherry on the 25th of last Month & that his Son from Arcot is determin'd to march this way the 5th Instant, also that the second Subidar of the French is arriv'd near Arcot in order to join Chunda Saib's Son, I desire you therefore to send out some faithful Spies to bring you a true and immediate Account of their Transactions, I must repeat my Request that you will soon send me one thousand men with an Officer to command them & in case Chunda Saib should really march against this Place in Conjunction with his Son I then hope you'll be pleas'd to assist me with a proper Force, let them come to me before the Enemy's Arrival that they may be well provided to punish them. If you send me this fresh Force to Trichenopoly I shall gain two several Advantages by it, the first is to be sure to punish the French in case of their March this way which I believe they will never do if they hear of your sending a Reinforcement & the second is, Mr. Cope and my Brother will make themselves easy & take their own time to settle the Affairs at Madera and Tinnevelly upon a firm footing otherwise they may be in a hurry to return hither which perhaps may ruin our Affairs in those Places. The sooner you send the Force the better. I have wrote to Mr. Pascal and desir'd him to come to me but he waits for your Orders to that End. The People at Deve Cotah are also waiting for Orders. I must desire you therefore to write to Mr. Pascal to come to me and you'll also write to the Captain at Deve Cotah to assist me whenever I may apply to him

We have receiv'd Intelligence from Court that his Majesty the Great Mogul was exceeding sorry to hear on the 10th January last the dismal News of Nauzir Jung's Death and sent Subder Jung the Vizier to Gauzedy Cawn to comfort him in his Name which being done he took him with him and carried him before the Mogul who honour'd him with a customary Present of Comfort and ordered him immediately to march and regulate the Affairs at Decan, in obedience to which Gazedy Cawn form'd his Camp on the 12th and set out & arriv'd in his Tent the 15th, Several Rachpet Generals were ordered to march and act in Conjunction with him and a fourth Part of the Mogul's Artillery was ordered to be deliver'd up to him. Orders were sent to Balazee Raw &ca to join and assist Gazady Cawn who intends to make continued Marches till he arrives in Decan, if I hear anything extraordinary I shall not fail to

communicate to You. I must desire you to keep a good Look out, especially to learn what the French are about: I am confident you will not fail to give me the necessary Assistance at a proper time, which will be a means to gain you a good Name and Reputation. Please to let me know as soon as Noor Mahomed Cawn arrives with you.

Please to let me know whether you like my Scheme of sending the Paper to be deposited with you and whether you'll send me a Receipt for it. I believe You'll approve of it. There is no Manner of Occasion for me to be under any apprehensions at present.

In Aneverdy Cawn's Own Hand.

I desire you'll use Noor Mahomed kindly which will afford me great Pleasure.

No. 33.

From Abdull Hamead Cawn, Now Nabob of Cudapah Rec'd 16th March 1750-1

The Friendship between us and your Nation is of a long Standing, from the Time of the deceas'd Nabob (suppos'd to be his Father) & Mess Hatsell and Berlu, notwithstanding you have neglected to maintain a friendly Correspondence which surprizes me greatly, in future I hope you will in regard to the old Friendship between us, grant me constantly the Pleasure of receiving your Letters.

Sometime ago I sent you a Letter with some Cups &ca. by means of Muttal Naick but you have not hitherto answer'd it but for all that I am in continual Remembrance of our old Friendship.

My Brother Abdul Mohasen Cawn has declared himself a Friend to the Pondicherry Governour by Change of Caps as customary, on my part I have declar'd myself your Friend by hearty Love and Affection, Buckanjee a Merchant is now here by whose Means I send this to you. If you have any Goods from England amongst which you can meet with anything rare, please to send it me & write to me freely for anything you may want here.

What can I say more.

No. 34.

To Aneverdy Cawn Behader — Dated 20th March 1750/1.

I have receiv'd your Letters 'tis needless to tell you in every Letter how glad I shall be to see your Affairs in a prosperous Condition. Mr. Pascal writes me from Tanjour that he is set out for Trichinopoly, He has Orders from me to stay by you, you must not therefore send him or his Men away to any other Place, Upon receiving News that some French Forces had join'd Chunda Saib & were going to Arcot I have at your Desire sent a Body of Troops to watch the Motions of Chunda Saib & if Occasion require to assist you. I impatiently wait in Expectation of News from Court in your Favour.

You will take care & order the Payment of the Batta to these Troops by sending Bills on the Shroffs.

No. 35.

From Nabob Aneverdy Cawn — Receiv'd 20th March 1750/1.

In my last letters to you I acquainted you of Mr. Cope's March towards Madera jointly with my Troops. Now I have the Pleasure to inform you that two Castles which were in the Possession of a Rebellious Jemeadar Belonging to Trichinopoly & lay in the Road to Madera, have fallen into our Hands on Mr. Cope's Approach which is certainly a good Sign of our future Victory at Madera. Mahomed Raheam Cawn, the Phousdar of Madera is absent being gone towards Tinnevelly leaving only a few Men in that Fort; As it is very large and gone to ruin, its Walls decayed in all Parts and no Trench round it I have now firm Hopes that our Troops under the Command of

Mr. Cope will be able to retake it & that Aulem Cawn will be turned out. I suppose the Enemy rejoic'd upon their taking Possession of Madera Fort & were encourag'd thereby to enter into a Scheme to march against my Place, I hope therefore that you'll take proper care of me. In case they march this Way which God forbid, send a proper Force to my Assistance with all possible Speed. I have none of your Men with me in the Fort at present, but I imagine you have by this Time detach'd one thousand Musketeers under the Command of an Officer to act in room of Mr. Cope according to my former Request & upon Occasion you'll not fail to send me a good Force with proper Necessaries. The Detachment of Troops under the Command of Mr. Cope is sufficient to regulate the Affairs at Madera & Tinnevelly, I only want for the Defence of Trichinopoly Fort; I must acknowledge that I am very troublesome to you but between Friends it is esteem'd none, I must repeat my Request that you'll not fail to send me Assistance upon Occasion. I have receiv'd Intelligence from Carical that the French have sent six hundred Men & eight Guns from that Place by Sea for the Defence of Madera, if it is true, Please to send a proper Force to my Assistance here.

P.S. Since writing the above I have had the Pleasure of receiving your Friendly Letter with the Fruit and understand the Contents. The Fruit was exceeding sweet and pleasant. I wish God may Grant you all imaginable Happiness.

No. 36.

To Abdul Hamed Cawn Nabob of Cudapah. Dated the 21st March 1751.

I was extremly well pleas'd to receive your kind Letter by means of Buckenjee which gave an Account of the old Friendship between your Family and our Nation, it is very true that a perfect Friendship has always subsisted between us and I hope it will be increas'd daily. The Cup & the Letter you mention were sent to my Predecessor, who I hear wrote you an Answer. I intended to have sent you some curious Goods from Europe, but the Ships are not yet arriv'd, as soon as they do, I shall endeavour to procure what you desire. Continue to write to me of your Health & Welfare.

What can I say more.

No. 37.

From Nabob Aneverdy Cawn, Rceive'd 22nd of March 1750/1.

The Enamdars of St. Thomé & Poonamelly undergo great Extremities for want of Food on account of the Seizure of their Enams, I must observe to you that these are People who pray for our Prosperity and are worthy of Favours, You'll therefore please to write to your People in both those Places to let the Enams be continued as usual that they may enjoy them & heartily pray for your Good and Victory.

What can I say more.

No. 38.

From Abdul Vahaba Cawn, the Nabob's Brother Receiv'd the 24th March 1750/1.

The Friendship between my Father & your Honour is of a long Standing, from the Time you liv'd at Vizagapatam, your Arrival at Fort St. David according to our Wishes gave us good Courage & Comfort and your several Friendly Assistances to my Brother Aneverdy Cawn have increas'd & cemented the Friendship between us which is well known to the World and has made People of all Ranks talk of it & I wish God may make you happy.

I have a great Desire to use Fire Arms which makes me request you'll supply me with four of the best Firelocks with their Furniture, light & fit to discharge on Horseback; let them be such as carry & shot at a Great Distance as also eight Pistols of the best Sort, four of them of the Length of half a Covid & four of two Covids fit

for the Kings of Europe that they may be to the Liking of everyone that sees them. Don't fail to send these to me and it will be a means to afford me great Pleasure Write to me constantly your Health & of the Occurrences in your Parts.

I shall send you the Price of the above Arms according as you may write.

P.S. I made a Mistake in writing for four Firelocks & eight Pistols. I want only 8 Pistols fit to carry on horseback & in Palanqueens with Leather Cases cover'd with Broad Cloth embroidered, Please to let me know the Price & I shall send it.

No. 39.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIV'D 24TH MARCH 1750/1.

I have the Pleasure to acquaint you that this day being the 18th Instant I expect Mr. Pascal to arrive here and I am inform'd there are about two hundred English Troopers at Fort St. David, as they have nothing to do at that Place at Present order them likewise to come to me for we have Business here. By the Blessing of God the Time is drawing nigh to obtain a Reward for the Trouble you have taken in assisting me & I wish that God may happily bring it to pass.

We have receiv'd true Intelligence that Nabob Nazam Al Mulck Behader, alias Gauzedy Cawn set out from Delly for Decan on the 18th Janry with several Omrahs to assist him with 60,000 Horse & double the Number of Artillery he had before, as it is 2 Months since he set out I believe he must be arriv'd at the River Nerbeda by this Time and I hope you will shortly receive his Approbation of the Trouble you have taken in assisting me.

What can I say more.

No. 40.

TO ABDUL VAHABA CAWN DATED 25TH MARCH 1751.

I had the Pleasure to receive your kind Letter which gave an Account of the old Friendship between us & you have already seen & still see how great my Endeavours are to cultivate & maintain it & by the Blessing of God it will daily increase.

The Arms you write me for are not to be procur'd at present upon the Arrival of our Europe Ships which are expected shortly, I shall get them & send them to you.

Continue to write to me of your Health and Welfare & of what I can be of Service to you in these Parts.

What can I say more.

No. 41.

FROM PRATAP SHING KING OF TANJOUR RECEIV'D THE 28TH MARCH 1751.

With Pleasure I receiv'd your kind Letter & according to your Desire have sent Capt. Pascal to Trichinopoly, he left two or three Men here.

I do assure you that I rest quite statisfied in all Respects as I have left my Kingdom entirely to your Care & question not in the least but You'll defend & keep it safe from any Molestation The Rest You'll observe by Ramahs Letter, I desire a Continuance of your Friendship & advise me of your Health & Welfare.

No. 42.

FROM PRATAP SHING KING OF TANJOUR. RECEIV'D THE 28TH MARCH.

I have receiv'd your kind Letter wherein you desire me to let you know particularly & Truly whether Combagonam was mortgag'd by me to the French or not. In answer thereto I do positively declare that Place never was morgag'd either to the French or Chunda Saib at any time whatever, But I must acquaint you that I did mortgage the Soobah of Manargody to Chunda Saib at a time of great Distress last year, but I reserv'd the Shire of Kellore out of the said Soobah & in the Room of

it made over the Shire of Tondarumgody out of the Soobah of Combagonum, This is all I have to say concerning this Affair & you may depend upon this my Writing, I do repeat that neither the French nor Chunda Saib have any Right to Combagonam.

I desire You'll let me know always of your Health which will give me particular Pleasure.

No. 43.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIV'D 28TH MARCH 1751.

I have the Pleasure to acquaint you that this day being Thursday the 20th Instant I have receiv'd a Letter dated the 7th from Mohan Laul my Vakeel then in Salabet Jung's Camp at Condanor wherein he tells me that his Majesty' Phirmaund together with that of Gazedy Cawn has been sent from Court in my Name in Confirmation of the Government. By the Blessing of God they will soon be brought to me, when I receive them I shall not fail to send you Copies. As this is good News I thought necessary to communicate it to you in order to afford you Joy.

What can I say more.

A paragraph of a letter from Mohan Laul my Vakeel in Salabet Jung's Camp Dated the 7th of March 1750/1.

I have receiv'd Advice by Merdah the Carrier that Gazedy Cawn was pleas'd to send you his Letter together with his Majesty's Phirmaund by his own Hircars, This gave me much Joy, When these Letters & Phirmaunds are brought to you, please to receive them with all the Respect imaginable. Inclose one Copy of them to Ramedoss Pundet, another to Salabet Jung and another to me.

No. 44.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN RECEIV'D THE 28TH MARCH 1751.

I have receiv'd Intelligence that Cutabeddeen, Diva to Chunda Saib was sent lately by his Master to negociate with Salabet Jung but on account of the Dangers in the Road and Disturbances occasion'd by Abdul Nabey Cawn was oblig'd to return to Pondicherry, not being able to get to the Camp to do his Business. I thought fit to communicate this to you.

No. 45.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIV'D 28TH MARCH 1751.

This Day being the 21st Instant I have receiv'd Advice that Chunda Saib set out the 17th in Conjunction with the French and marched two Stages and that his Design is to March against my Place, though he gives out otherwise & says he is going to Chingee, I have some Reason to believe the former because he has sent for his Son from Arcot to Gingee & besides he knows very well that there is but a small Number of the English Troops here at present Mr. Cope having march'd towards Medera with the most of your Men. As the French Governour is set out from Pondicherry, I suppose he has taken most of his Troops with him, in which Case there can be no Danger to Fort St. David, I therefore desire you 'ill be pleas'd to order a part of your Troops to take care of Fort St. David & with the remaining Part of your Troops & necessary stores, come by way of Diversion to see the Fort of Trichinopoly, which you may look upon in the same Light as your own, it will be a great Satisfaction to me to enjoy the pleasure of your agreeable Company & I shall entertain you in a handsome Manner, if you march to this Place, the Enemy will not venture to come this way. You may return to Fort St. David after you have settled Affairs here to my Satisfaction, if you can't come yourself send out most of your Troops to my Assistance with all possible Speed & keep such a number of Men in Fort St. David as may be requisite; As the English have undertaken to protect my Affairs, I don't doubt but they will do me all necessary Services which will gain them a good Name & Reputation. I have the pleasure to acquaint you that his Majesty the Great

Mogul & Gazedy Cawn were pleas'd to send their Phirmaunds in Confirmation of my Government, as soon as I receive them I shall send you the Copies for your Perusal. You see that I am true Governour of the Carnateck Country according to the Great Mogul, Gazedy Cawn & Nausir Jung's Phirmaunds, you must therefore think it your Business to assist & protect my Affairs; This will be a means to procure you the good Pleasure of the Mogul & Gazedey Cawn and Reputation in the World. I must repeat my Request that you'll either march at the Head of your Troops or send your Forces only to me in order to punish the Enemy. Continue to write to me of your Health & Welfare.

In Aneverdy Cawn's own Hand.

Please to dispatch this Business as soon as possible & send me an Answer.

No. 46.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN RECEIV'D THE 29TH MARCH 1751.

On Sunday the 24th Instant I had the Honour to receive his Majesty's Phirmaund together with Letters from Nabob Nazam Al Mulck Behader Feeroaz Jung *alias* Gazedy Cawn & Nabob Behader Javeed Cawn who is his Majesty's Minister empowering me to continue firm in the Management of my proper Government of the Carnateck and Trichinopoly Countries as formerly, agreeable to his Majesty's Meaning & Gazedy Cawn's Direction, I ordered a Phirmaund Tent to be fix'd in which I receiv'd the Phirmaund &ca with great Respect & Honour, played upon the Musick Noubet, ordered Guns to be fir'd & return'd thousands of Thanks to the Almighty for his Grace & I wish you & all my other Friends Joy on this Account.

I herewith send you Copies of the said Phirmaund and Letters attested under a Caudy's seal for your perusal. Gazedy Cawn is now on his March from Delly with a large Army & Artillery to command in Decan & settle the Affairs thereof and I understand by what Ravancaso Raw the Mogul's Hircar writes me that the sincere proceedings of the English in dispatching the Mogul's Affairs & their Assistance and Union with me have been represented to his Majesty & he was exceeding glad to hear it, Gazedy Cawn was also glad to hear it who will shortly write you a Letter as will also the Great Mogul himself. I am strictly enjoin'd in his Majesty's Phirmaund & Gazedy Cawn's Letter to continue firm in the Management of the Carnateck, Terchenopoly &ca Countries & to punish & expel the Disturbers, I therefore think it necessary to act agreeable to the said Orders and This is the Time when probably the Enemy will do their utmost against me. By God's Help & your Assistance Terchenopoly is very well fortified & now I must settle the Affair of the Carnateck Country in which also I shall want your Help, Send me therefore proper Assistance that I may punish the Enemy according to their Deserts; I have hitherto kept and defended this Place by Virtue of the Phirmaund from Nausir Jung but now the Government of the Subahs of the Decan Country is conferr'd on Gazedey Cawn, so that his other Brothers have nothing to do with it and as I have had the Happiness to receive his Letter with his Majesty's & the Vizier's Phirmaunds I think myself four times as secure in my Right as I was before, On your Part look upon the Jageers given you as if they came from the Imperial Court of his Majesty, return Thanks to God for the Mercy he has shewn us in causing his Majesty's Phirmaund to arrive, rejoice, play upon the Musick Noubet & order Guns to be fired for Joy. Please to send & acquaint our Adversary that his Majesty's Phirmaund together with those of the Vizier and Gazedy Cawn are arriv'd with me in Confirmation of the Carnateck & Trichenopoly Government to me & that I am the proper Governour, You may tell him likewise that it would be better for him to obey his Majesty's & Gazedy Cawn's Orders who is the lawful Prince of the Decan Country which will in the End produce happy Effects to him. Now I hope You'll be more fully inclined to assist my Affairs.

What can I say more.

P.S. Please to send Copies of the said Phirmaund from the Indostan Emperor & of the Letters from Gazedy Cawn & the Vizier to your King in England.

In Aneverdy Cawn's own Hand.

By the Blessing of God I have receiv'd Phirmaunds from his Majesty's Court, please to make rejoicings on this Account & send a proper Force to my Assistance.

No. 47.

From Nabob Aneverdy Cawn. Receiv'd the 30th March 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letter whereby I find that you have detatch'd your Troops to my Assistance on the French setting out from Pondicherry, this has not only given me Joy but great Courage, You have yielded me all necessary Assistance and it is impossible for me to express my thankfulness for the several Instances of Friendship you have been pleased to shew me, I wish that God may enable you more & more to assist your Friends & that you may obtain a good Name & Reputation by it.

You desir'd me to send you the Charges of Batta for your Troops which & the Baggage Hire &ca I shall pay you according to the Accounts you may send me but as I do not know the Number of your Men that are out, I can't remit you the full Sum but now send you a Bill of Exchange for Rs. 5500 upon Buckenjee, pay it in part of the said Charges and order your Troops to march to me as soon as possible for I must settle the Affairs of the Carnateck Country as it is not adviseable to confine myself any longer in this District of Trichenopoly; I lately sent you an Account which I receiv' from my Vakeel concerning his Majesty's Phirmaund from Court together with that of Gazedy Cawn, since which I have enclos'd Copies thereof for your Perusal, now for double Security I send you second Copies of them. By the Blessing of God my Right to the Government of the Country is now strengthen'd & confirm'd by Phirmaunds from his Majesty, Gazedy Cawn & the Vizier, You knew that I had Nazir Jung's before, as the Phirmaunds from Court are now arriv'd I suppose you are certainly convinc'd of my honesty. Consider my good Fortune that before my Letter to his Majesty (wherein I set forth your Deligence & Fidelity in his Affairs) arriv'd, it had pleas'd him to send me a Phirmaund as above with great Favour, & I don't doubt that on his receiving my said Letter he will bestow his Royal Favour both upon you and me, You are pleasd to say that it is needless to mention in every Letter concerning your true Attachment & Assistance to my Affairs, Let me inform you that on my part I think it necessary to write to you freely of every thing that comes into my Mind as I look upon you to be my true Friend; It is my best Wishes that both you and I may one day live & rejoice at Arcot, I am in firm hopes that we shall soon obtain our Desire. I have receiv'd Advice that Mr. Cope was not arriv'd at Madura the 24th Instant, The Troops that Mr. Pascal has brought with him are very few, he is a gentleman of very good Manners and I hope You'll write to him to hear and act as I say. Please to send a proper Force to this Place as soon as possible. Continue to write to me of your Health & of the Occurrences of your Place.

What can I say more.

In Aneverdy Cawn's own Hand.

It is impossible for me to express my Gratitude to You & I wish that God may make you happy. Noor Mahomed Cawn continually writes to me of your Civil Treatment to him and I am vastly pleas'd with it.

No. 48.

From Meera Saut Killedar of Chetpet Receiv'd the 30th of March 1751.

It is a long time since I had the Pleasure of receiving a Letter from you, as I have a sincere Friendship for you & am always anxious about your Health I must desire you to maintain a Correspondence of Letters with me which will afford me much Joy & Satisfaction.

I have receiv'd Advice that the Amuldar's People in St. Thome have possess'd themselves of my Garden at that Place which I suppose is done without your Knowledge, In regard to the strict Friendship between us, I hope you'll order them to deliver it up.

What can I say more.

No. 49.

To Meera Saut Killader of Chetpet Dated 2d April 1751.

I have receiv'd your kind Letter and observe the Contents You was pleas'd to mention that the Renters have possess'd themselves of your Garden in St. Thomé, I have wrote to my Deputy in Madrass to enquire into it & to see everything done as usual. Continue to write to me of your Health & Welfare.

What can I say more.

No. 50.

To Nabob Aneverdy Cawn. Dated 3d April 1751.

I observe the Contents of the several Letters you are pleas'd to send me with the Copy of the Letters & Orders you have receiv'd from Court, I sincerely congratulate you on the same & that every one might partake of the good News I directed his Majesty's Orders to be brought in, in a grand Procession, expressing our Joy on this occasion by a salute of 21 Guns, I look upon this as an Omen of your future Happiness which I hope to see soon compleat.

The Bridge is ready, I have ordered it to be sent to Deva Cotah & from thence to you.

I have given strict Orders concerning the several Enams in the St. Thomé & Poonamalee Countries.

No Advices have lately come from Mr. Cope, I hope he is safe and I suppose you are now perfectly easy as Mr. Pascal's Command is with you.

I before advis'd you of my having sent out a large Detachment to watch the Motions of the French, this seems to have had a good Effect, Mr. Dupleix & some of the Troops being return'd to Pondicherry I yesterday sent for your Vakeel with whom I had a long Conference in consulting what Measures were to be taken for your Interest, He will write you, I must observe to you that these large Detachments are attended with great Expence of Batta, I would not willingly have you put to any but in cases where it may be of service to you, therefore weigh your Affairs deliberately and advise me what Measures you intend to take & whether I shall recall or continue this Detachment abroad, if the latter you must send Money for the paying their Batta, 'twill always to be a pleasure to hear of yours & your Family's Health. I constantly pray for their Happiness.

What can I say more.

No. 51.

To Japhir Alley Cawn Nabob of Chicacul Dated 4th April 1751.

'Twas no small Disappiontment when I came to Vizagapatam to find you had left the Chickacul Government & it is now a great Satisfaction to me to hear you are returned, as I am pursuaded you will always have a Friendship for our Settlement; You will no doubt have heard that Nazir Jung has been cut off by the Treachery of a certain People, that Erat Moodeen Cawn usurp'd the Government of the Decan Country, that he is since slain in the Battle fought within the Districts of Cuddapah. That Salabat Jung has now the Command of the Army & is on his March to Golcondah. Those very treacherous People forgetting the favour that they have receiv'd & the Obedience they owe to the Government are seizing on several Places & collecting the Revenues & as they may possibly come your Way I have ordered Mr. Goodere Chief of Vizagapatam to hoist our Colours in the several Seaports agreable to you, You must give him your Perwana for so doing and as we are in strict Alliance with the Government, I am persuaded you will think the good of your Country is the Motive we act by. He has Orders to conform himself to your Directions, Health & Long Life attend you.

What can I say more.

No. 52.

To Vizaram Rauze DATED 4TH APRIL 1751.

It is a pleasure to me to hear of your Success & that you now enjoy an uninterrupted State of Happiness, the Reward of your merit; Don't imagine I am unmindful of you because I don't write you often, be assured I am always thinking how I shall increase the Friendship between us. From Sumpet Row and your Vakeels You will have been inform'd of the Revolutions in this Province, We are in Expectation of a happy Turn in Affairs & that Mahomed Ally will enjoy peaceably the Government of Arcot. I know you have a great Regard for him as well as I have which is the Reason I am doing everything that may promote his Happiness; And I hope we shall succeed you will have heard that a certain People are seizing upon several Districts in the Metchlepatam & Rajahmundrum Circar when they are a little settled there they will then possibly aim at the same thing in that Chickacul. I have therefore wrote to Mr. Goodere Chief at Vizagapatam to hoist our Colours in all the Seaports from Upparra to Ganjam if agreeable to Nabob Japhir Ally Cawn which I don't doubt but it will as it will probably save his Country from Ruin. Mr. Goodere has Orders to cultivate a strict Friendship with him & I am assur'd your Endeavours will not be wanting to promote it. When our Ships arrive I shall not fail to get the Things You wrote for, Let me constantly hear of your Health.

No. 53.

To Namatoola Cawn Nabob Of Rajahmundrum DATED THE 4TH APRIL 1751.

You will long ago have been acquainted with the Death of Nazir Jung by the Treachery of a certian People who forgetting the favours they have receiv'd & the Obedience they owe to the Government are, under pretence of Grants from Mustapha Jung (who has likewise been cut off by his People) seizing upon & taking Possession of several Districts & collecting the Revenues; You are not ignorant of what has pass'd in a Country near yours & if a Stop be not put to them you will very likely soon have them encroach upon yours. As we are in strict Friendship with the Circar & ready on all Occasions to convince them the only motive of our Actions is the Good of the Country; I have therefore ordered the Chief at Ingeram to hoist our Colours at Gotendu, Coringe & the several Islands in Ingeram River & if you desire it at the several other Seaports under your Circar, if you approve of this you must send him a Perwanah for the same. He has my Orders to cutltivate a good Understanding with you. May you enjoy an uninterrupted State of Happiness & Long Life What can I say more.

No. 54.

From Nabob Aneverdy Cawn RECEIV'D THE 7TH APRIL 1751.

I have receiv'd Letters from Mahomed Raheam Cawn & Hussan Mahomed Cawn the Commanders of Tinnevely & Madera acquainting me that Mr. Cope attack'd that place but was repuls'd & had thereupon rais'd the Seige & was coming this way. It would have been attended with very sad Consequences if such Proceedings had happen'd at Trichenopoly in a time of Action; if our Army had not quitted in the Manner they have done, the Expences of it would not have fallen upon me but as it is, I dare say that the Affairs of my whole Districts will be ruin'd & that we shall quite lose Tinnevely & Madera Provinces, but as the Defence of Trichenopoly Country depends entirely upon your Assistance whose Name is talk'd of for Merit even before the Indostan Emperior. I hope you'll soon consult a Method to settle Affairs of Tinnevelly & retake Madera, In my Opinion you had better send two Commanding Officers with proper Forces, one to stay at Trichenopoly & the other to go to Madera & Tinnevely & act in Conjunction with my Troops to punish & expel the Rebels, I shall take care to furnish him with a proper Force. As soon as the Commanding Officers arrive with me I shall order my Troops to bear them Company. Please to do soon whatever is necessary I am impatient to hear from you.

What can I say more.

No. 55.

FROM COJA CALENDER CAWN PHOUSDAR OF METCHLEPATAM. RECD 16 APRIL 1751.

I was extremely well pleas'd to receive your friend by Letter wherein you desir'd me to assist your People in settling the Affairs of your Factory at Metchlepatam & to hoist your Flag upon Divy Island but I must inform you that the Government of Metchlepatam was confin'd from Court on the Govr of Pondicherry so that I have no Command in the Place; I stay here purely to settle some Accounts of the Revenues, if you had wrote to me when I was Governour I would willingly have assisted in your Affairs & I am still glad that by this means I have procur'd your Honour's Friendship. Believe me to be your true Friend & continue your Correspondence with me.

What can I say more.

P.S. I suppose you have heard of the Misfortune that attended me lately which is the Reason that I have no purse by me to put the Letter in, I hope you'll not take it ill.

No. 56.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIV'D THE 23D APRIL 1751.

Noor Mahomed Cawn acquaints me by a Letter that in regard to the perfect Friendship between us you have been pleas'd to tell him your Sentiments that it is most proper to begin to settle the Affairs of the Carnateck Country as soon as possible otherwise you are of Opinion that Chenda will get Strength by taking Possession of several Forts & Places of the Country; This gave me much Joy & Encouragement but let me take the Liberty to inform you that your Honour is very sensible of what has happen'd to Chetpet Fort, now the Enemy is upon a Scheme to attack & take Valore, This is a very eminent Fort on which the Regulation of the Affairs of the Carnateck depends entirely, if this is taken by the Enemy (which God forbid) it must be attended with sad Consequences. I therefore think it necessary at this Juncture to assist Gulam Murteza Cawn the Killedar of Valore & to that End & purpose your Honour may detatch half your Troops with warlike Necessaries which will certainly encourage him to make a good Defence & to make Incursions in the Arcot Country in my name as far as he can, besides if Chenda & the French see your Troops in Valore they will never venture to march against Trichenopoly, in case they do, the Troops for Valore may easily come to my Assistance after they have taken Possession of the several Districts of the Arcot country, if you approve of this Measures I'll send Murtaza Cawn's Vakeel to you who will take half of your Troops with him and pay 275 Rupees from the Day he takes them, for their Batta, that being half the Sum stipulated, as to the other half, please to send them to me that I may make this Place strong & then endeavour to retake Madura & expel Aulem Cawn. As soon as I have finish'd Affairs in this Country to my Satisfaction, I shall begin to settle the Carnateck.

Please to send an answer to this Letter as soon as possible.

What can I say more?

No. 57.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIVE'D 24TH APRIL 1751.

I was extreamly well pleas'd to receive a Duplicate of your former Letter to me wherein You express your Joy concerning the Arrival of his Majesty's Phirmaund & the Vizier & Gazedy Cawn's Letters to me, I must tell you that these Orders have certainly strengthen'd my Affairs & will produce happy Effects in future. I am glad that I have got these Saneds according to my Desire. You are pleas'd to mention You have sent the Bridge to Deve Cotah, as soon as I receive it from thence I shall let you know. Mr. Cope is safe with me & the Troops under the Command of Mr. Pascal are here also, Their Presence gives me great Satisfaction. Concerning the Expences of your Troops that are abroad for my Assistance, I shall pay according as Noor

Mahomed Cawn has wrote to me, Don't recall them but let them continue abroad You desir'd me to communicate my Resolution to you in answer to which I must inform you that the provinces of Madera & Tinnevely enable me to defray the Expences of the Army, it is threfore necessary to retake these first & think of settling the Affairs of the Carnateck, I have wrote very fully upon this Subject in a Letter sent you by a Camel to which I refer you, but your Honour may observe that I am ready & willing to agree & act according to the Advice you may think fit to give in this Affair. My whole Dependence is upon your Honour, you may therefore consult a proper Method to settle the Affairs of the Trichenopoly & Carnateck Countries, this will gain you a good Name in the World.

What can I say more.

No. 58.

To Nabob Aneverdy Cawn. Dated 25th April 1751.

Just as I had seal'd up my Letter to you, Hircars came in from your Place. I was glad to observe by Mr. Cope's Letter you was convinc'd of my sincere Friendship to you, I shall be glad of all Opportunities to convince you of it, one thing I must tell you freely that I am unacquainted with the Country & how the several Phousdars are affected to your Interest, this you must inform me of, as Capt. Cope has been with you I desir'd him to consult with you what is proper to be done. In your Letter you say that the Safety of Valore Fort is of great Consequence, I have therefore thought of the most proper Methods for its Security, don't fail to send the Killedars Vakeel to me, Our People think that when join'd with yours they are a Match for the Enemy & seem very desirous of fighting them, if they should prove successful it may give a very happy Turn to your Affairs; You will take care to send a good Officer with your People & I must request you will order the Batta to the people to be punctually paid. Capt. Cope has orders to send Mr. Pascal & his Detachment with your People, but he is to remain at Trichenopoly for the Security of that Place, it gave me great Uneasiness to hear you were out of Order but I hope you will soon recover & that God will give you long Life & Happiness.

What can I say more.

No. 59.

From Nabob Aneverdy Cawn. Receiv'd the 20th April 1751.

I suppose you are acquainted with the Occurrences of these parts by the Letters I have sent you lately. Now I have receiv'd a Letter from Noor Mahomed Cawn wherein he tells me that I should freely declare to you what are my Thoughts, whether it be more proper to begin with retaking Madura & settling the Affairs at Tinnevelly, or to enter first upon those of the Arcot Country. I do therefore give it as my Opinion that it is highly necessary to strengthen the Affairs of Trichinopoly Fort, retake Madura & settle Tinnevely but at the same time we ought to be mindful of the Affairs at Arcot & use our Endeavours to weaken the Enemy for if we proceed to Arcot before we retake Madera, Aulem Cawn will grow powerful, On the other Side if we neglect Chunda Saib on account of Madura, it will prejudice our Affairs for he has already taken Possession of Chetpet & thought himself happy by our ill Success at Madura & has now sent out his ( ) with a Design to march against my place; We must therefore be mindful of both these Affairs & to that End I think it requisite to send a part of my Army with a Detachment of your Troops to Madura that they may join Maraver and Nalace who are ready to assist me and endeavour to retake that Place & the other part of the Army shall be commanded by my Brother Abdul Vahaba Cawn who in Conjunction with your Troops are abroad upon the Expedition to Arcot shall watch the Motions of the Enemy & lay at Woolatore to resist & punish them as Occasion may require. I must tell you plainly that Mr. Cope cannot finish the Affair at Madura; You should therefore send another Officer with Warlike Stores upon that Business, if you think Mr. Copes Detachment is sufficient to act against Madura & retake it. Please to appoint another Officer to command it but if this is not a sufficient Force you should send more as soon as possible that I may order my Army to march jointly with them to Madura, as to your Troops abroad upon the Arcot Expedition I must desire you to direct them to march to this Place & be mindful to send some

good experienc'd Officers to command them with a proper Artillery & on their Arrival hither I shall order my Brother with the Army to join them & march upon an Expedition to Arcot by the Way of Woolatore, as to Mr. Pascal he may stay & take care of the Fort here with the Detatchment under his Command, if these Methods are followed, I think that Terchenopoly will remain undisturb'd, that Madura & Tinnevelly which support me in my Expences will easily fall into our Hands & that the Affairs of Arcot will be regulated & the Enemy weaken'd, besides if your Troops march to this Place it will strike a Terror into the Enemy; I would willingly send my Army to join your Troops where they are but I find they lay at a great Distance & it will be imprudent to send them so far at this Juncture as I am under Apprehensions of the Enemy's Incursions who may very likely march directly to this Place when he hears of the Army's being gone to join your Troops at so a great a Distance, I therefore think it advisable for two Aımies that is yours & mine under the Comand of my Brother to meet at Woolatoor where they may be of great Service by watching the motions of the Enemy, for if Chenda Saib sends a part of his Army to the Assistance of Aulem Cawn, he will keep but a small Number of Men with him & then our Armies from Wootatoor may easily attack him, however upon the whole it is most adviseable for us both to detach our Troops upon this Business, Please to consult a proper method & let me know as soon as possible. Continue to write to me of your Health & Welfare & of the Occurrences of your place.

What can I say more.

No. 60.

From Nabob Aneverdy Cawn. Receive'd the 27th April 1751.

I write this to acquaint you that I think it necessary to settle Affairs both in the Arcot & Trichenopoly Countries but as the later is my Place of Habitation I must regulate the Affairs thereof by retaking Madura Fort & then by the Help of God must undertake to act in the Arcot Country. As the Fort of Madura is of a large Extent it is very easy to retake it. When this is done it will open the way to our future Victory, I therefore conclude we must retake Madura before we think of settling the Affairs of Arcot & hope that you'll write to Mr. Cope or send another Officer with a Detachment from your Place upon that Business, When our Affairs at Madera are once finish'd Tinnevelly will fall into our Hands of itself & then we may begin to act in Arcot. As my whole Dependence is upon your Honours Assistance, you should use your Endeavours to settle & regulate the Affairs of Terchenopoly, Madura, Tinnevelly, & Arcot which will be a means to gain you Reputation in this World. I have been inform'd that the Enemy intend to send Troops to the Assistance of Aulem Cawn. These Troops cannot proceed to Madura thro' Sarangapatam Limits but must necessarily march thro' the Chellumbrum Country. I must therefore desire you'll order your Troops abroad to intercept their Passage & not suffer them to go to the Assistance of Aulem Cawn. In case the Enemy should attempt to march against my Place (which God forbid) I hope you'll order your Troops to come to me before the Arrival of the Enemy that they may be ready to engage & punish them. Though our Disappointment at Madura is of little or no Consequence, it has still caus'd a great Confusion & Disturbance in the whole of my Territories, it is therefore highly necessary first to retake that Place.

What can I say more.

No. 61.

To Nabob Aneverdy Cawn. Dated 30th April 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letters wherein you propose first settling the Affairs of Trichenopoly & afterwards those of this Province but am doubtful whether you have come to a final Resolution as I two days past had Advices from Captain Cope that you was determin'd tc send your Forces under Abdul bob Cawn to join us. Our Troops have been abroad above a Month, when they first went out Chenda Saib had gain'd no Advantage & it was thought that your joining us would entirely frustrate his

Designs, I have since been inform'd that the Governours of Chetpet, Aureney & Veloor finding themselves too weak to oppose him & despairing of Assistance have made the best Terms they could & that Chenda Saib is now at Arcot; On Receipt of your Letter I wrote to the Governour of Madrass to send a Detachment to Veloor but the Affair was finish'd. 'Tis my Opinion that if you don't attack Chenda Saib in this province he will attack you; If his Forces come into your Country they will plunder & ruin it, but if yours enter his 'twill be the Contrary, The Friendship & Regard I have for you induce me plainly to tell you what I think; You are the best Judge of your own Affair weigh them well & let me know your Resolution, at the same time be assur'd of my sincere Friendship. I now write to Capt. Cope when you write to me I desire you will send his letter also. I shall be oblig'd to you if you will send a Bill for 15000 Rupees for Payment of the Troops. Happiness attend you.

No. 62.

From Nabob Aneverdy Cawn. Receiv'd the 2nd May.

I was extreamly glad to receive your two Letters one of the 25th Ultimo in which you desir'd me to inform you how the several Great Men in the province stand affected to my Interest and what are my Resolutions, specifying that you are unacquainted with the Country; the other Mr. Wilson brought me. In mine to you of the 26th I inform'd you fully of my Resolutions & how I thought it proper to proceed at this Juncture to which I refer you. Now it is adviseable for you to order your Troops to march to this Place with Artillery and other Necessaries of War that they may join my Brother Abdul Vahaba Cawn and then watch the Motions of the Enemy at Woolatore and proceed forward from thence as Occasion may require. The several Great Men in the Country namely the King of Tanjour the Rajah of Sarangapatam, Maraver, Nalacooty and Tondaman are my Friends & have sworn Fidelity to me, the several Killedars in the Arcot Country are also my Friends but they finding the Enemy too strong thought proper to conclude a seeming Friendship with him in order to save themselves and their Forts. Now I have receiv'd Advice that Murtaza Cawn of Valore was necessitated to make it up with the Enemy & the other Killedars the same but your Honour may be assur'd that nobody in this Province likes Chunda Saib because he has been the Cause of General Affliction; especially the said Murtaza Cawn is his bitter Enemy and therefore can never be his true Friend. Murtaza Cawn's Vakeel who came to me lately to procure your Assistance is still with me and I shall send him to you by & by. My Hircars brought me news that Chenda Saib after having finish'd his Affairs with Murtaza Cawn march'd 1½ Coass & arriv'd the 25th Ultimo at Alley Abada with a Resolution to come against my Place; at this Rate he must be now arriv'd at Ternamel. I am of Opinion by the time this reaches you he will be near this Country it is therefore highly necessary for your Troops to march hither with all possible Speed, part of which I shall send towards Madera and with the other part be in readiness to receive the Enemy. The Intent of your sending your Troops abroad, I suppose was to engage the Enemy at Arcot but if they march to this Place it is proper for us to fight them here, as soon as they are punish'd we shall by God's Help proceed to settle our Affairs at Arcot. I have the pleasure to acquaint you that before Mr. Wilson's Arrival I had recover'd my Health, make yourself perfectly easy. Your true Friendship & Assistance to me have taken place in my Heart your Assurances of Succour embolden'd me to continue in this Country I freely declare to you, you are my only Friend and I think it requisite to inform you fully in every Respect. I shall soon send you some Money by a Bill for the Payment of your Troops. I must repeat it to you, that the Enemy whom we intended to engage at Arcot is coming to this Place, you'll therefore send your Troops with the Necessaries of War as soon as possible that they may come and join my Army before the Enemy's Arrival & be in readiness to attack them but if the Enemy does not come hither then our Armies shall march to Arcot. Please to write to Mr. Pascal & Mr. Cope to behave boldly and sincerely in case of an Action & to use their utmost Endeavours to defeat the Enemy. Desire them not to serve me in the Manner they did at Trivedy & Medera. My whole Dependence is upon you & my Family within the Fort, this you must consider and take proper Care. You see the

French do not regard your Troops that are now in this Country but are marching hither, I hope you'll have no Regard to them but enter into a firm Resolution to resist & punish them.

In Aneverdy Cawn's own hand.

It is not advisable for your Troops to lay in the plains of Trivedy at this Time, the sooner they march hither the better because the Enemy is determin'd to come against me.

If the Enemy should really march against this Place, I shall not send an Army towards Madura yet but first attack & defeat them, but if they decline marching this way I shall then detain our Troops to Madura according to the Directions you may send me and at the same time consult a Method to settle the Affairs of Arcot.

What can I say more.

No. 63.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECD 6TH MAY 1751.

I have inform'd you lately by several Letters of the Enemy's Intention to march this Way desiring you at the same time to send your Troops to me. Now I have receiv'd certain Advice from my hircars that the Enemy's Camp is at Polore and that they are preparing to come hither immediately. I was in Expectation of the Arrival of your Troops at this Place but this Day Mr. Cope came and told me that he was by two Letters from your Honour to send Mr. Pascals' Detachment together with half the Troops under his Command to your Place which at first surpriz'd me not knowing what you meant by sending for the Troops from hence when I requested just the contrary that is that you would send those that are at your Place to me but upon second Consideration I was convinc'd that you sent for the said Troops with a Design to intercept the Enemy. I am therefore determin'd agreeable to your Desire to send away Mr. Pascal's Detachment the 5th Inst with 500 Horse and the same number of Peons also 100 Men with Wall Pieces & Rockets. I wonder you did not write to me upon this Business nor communicate your Thoughts to me, however I have full Belief that you are upon a Scheme to punish the Enemy which induced you to send for Mr. Pascal, but it is not improper to request of you to inform me what are your Resolutions, I tell you freely that it was by your Help I was encourag'd to live in this Fort. If this is preserv'd we shall be enabled to retake Arcot, I therefore suppose you have consulted a proper Method to secure it & punish the Enemy, Pray inform me fully concerning it. I am apt to think that you have sent for Mr. Pascal's Detachment not knowing the Enemy's Intention to march this way, if it is so you'll write to him to stop his March at the same time order the Rest of your Troops to proceed directly to my Place. If the Enemy decline marching this way or return from their Expedition for fear of your Troops then I shall send you more Forces. Mr. Pascal's Detachment which is now ready shall be dispatch'd in a proper Time to the prejudice of our Enemies. I suppose you receive timely Accounts of the Enemy's Motions & Encampments.

What can I say more?

No. 64.

TO NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. DATED 7TH MAY 1751.

Yesterday I receiv'd your kind Letter of the 2d. I find you are fix'd in your Resolution of first settling your Affairs in the Trichenopoly Country, shall therefore prepare every thing I judge necessary. What you write in regard to the several Killedars and Chunda Saib is what I wrote you before. 'Tis sometime since I heard from Capt. Cope, I imagine some Accident must have happen'd to the People that brought his Letters, please to enquire into it. Your Letters for Court are arriv'd safe at Bengal and forwarded to Muxadavad. Continue your Friendship to me who wish you all Happiness.

No. 65.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIV'D 7TH MAY 1751.

I have receiv'd two Letters one in mine, the other Mr. Cope's Name & observe the Contents. I have consulted with Mr. Cope & it is determin'd to send Mr. Pascal in Company with Hamed Ally Cawn my best Officer with an Army of 500 Horse & the same Number of Peons and 100 Men with Wall Pieces & Rockets. These shall set out to morrow being the 4th Inst & by Continued Marches arrive at Verdachilum, as this Place is 12 Coasses Distant from Tervedy. I hope you'll order your Troops to move as soon as they hear of the Arrival of my Army at Verdachilum & there join Mr. Pascal & Hamed Ally Cawn; After this our Guard shall be plac'd at Verdachilum & the Army proceed to Walagonda the direct Road to Arcot. When they move from Walagonda I shall take care to send a Reinforcement to join them that they may be the better enabled to punish the Enemy & regulate the Affairs of Arcot. If the Enemy should make haste & get here by the Time our Armies meet at Verdachilum it is determin'd that your Troops proceed directly to Trichenopoly. This is the Method we think fit to proceed on & I hope it will be punctually observed.

P.S. You was pleas'd to write to me about a Bill of Exchange to be sent for the payment of the Batta to your Troops which I shall soon procure from a Merchant & send you.

What can I say more.

No. 66.

TO NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. DATED 8TH MAY 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letter and to convince you how greatly I have your Welfare in my Thoughts, I now send Capt Gingin with a large Command to consult Measures and act jointly with you in opposing the Enemy, the justness of your Cause is such as I am persuaded will crown your Arms with Success. I must desire you will be punctual in paying the Batta of the Troops. I have given Orders to the Officers to keep their People from doing any Act of Injustice, Happiness be with you.

No. 67.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIV'D 10TH MAY 1751.

You was pleas'd to desire me by a Letter to send you a Bill for 15000 Rupees but I must inform you that the Merchants are unwilling to give any at this time on account of Dangers in the Road, however I have by many Intreaties prevail'd upon them to give one for Rs. 10000 upon Buckenjee's Gomasta at Fort St. David which I send herewith to you and the remaining 5000 shall be sent by & by. I am in great Want of Money for Expences at present and wish that God may be so merciful as to relieve me. News is brought me by my Hircars that on the 3d Instant the Enemy mov'd from Polore and march'd two Stages this way, I suppose you must have heard it, it is therefore highly requisite for your Troops to march hither, I hope you'll send them with all possible Speed. You have undertaken to assist me & I hope you'll be firm to the very End, that it may gain you a good Name & Reputation in this World. Mr. Pascal & Hamed Ally Cawn are set out from this Place & I hope they'll soon come to your Parts but as the Troops under their Command are but few I am in doubt whether they will be an equal Match for the Enemy and overcome them in case of a Action which may very likely happen as the Enemy are marching this Way & are not far from our Troops. I must therefore repeat at my Desire that you'll strictly command your Troops to march with all haste & join Mr. Pascal & Hamed Ally Cawn.

In Aneverdy Cawn's Own Hand.

Now you must bear the Weight of my Affairs. By the Blessing of God, the sooner you punish the Enemy the better.

Please to advise me whether you have had any Discourse at any time about me with the French at Pondicherry or heard anything from them concerning me.

No. 68.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIV'D 10TH MAY 1751.

I write this to acquaint you that Mr. Cope demanded 6000 Rupees of me in order to detach your Troops from hence, but as no Rupees are coin'd in Trichenopoly it was very difficult to get them, however I took a great deal of Trouble to procure him the Money demanded in order to please him. Mr. Cope delayed to send out the Troops for a whole Day on account of the Money, at length march'd jointly with my Army & I hope will safely arrive in your Parts.

No. 69.

TO MUDA MYAH PHOUSDAR OF CHELLUMBRUM. DATED 12TH MAY 1751.

It has been represented to me that you are indebted to Buckenjee the Sum of 55000 thousand Rupees on account of Tanaca & that you have delayed Payment these two years, you are very sensible that he keeps a Shop in our Bounds & has dealings with the Company, it is therefore requisite for me to assist in his Affairs, I write this purely to desire you will without further delay pay the said Sum to his Gomastah, as You are a sensible Man, I need not urge much to you on this Head.

What can I say more.

No. 70.

TO ANEVERDY CAWN. DATED 14TH MAY 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letter with the Bill for 10000 Rupees, I must request you will send another for 10000 more, all the Troops have receiv'd their pay here & their Batta to the End of this Month, I will make up the Account & send it to you. I have discours'd with your Vakeel concerning the present Situation of Affairs, he will communicate to you the whole, the Bridge has been sometime past sent to Devecotah with orders to be forwarded to you. I hope our Troops have join'd you. Write me continually of your Success.

No. 71.

TO NABOB JAPHER ALLY CAWN TO THE NORTHWARD. DATED 15TH MAY 1751.

We understand by what Mr. Andrews the Company's Factor at Ganjam writes us that the Cargo shipp'd on board of Saib Beag's Ship belongs to the Rajah of Burampore and as this Rajah is justly indebted in a Sum of Money to our Factor We have thought it equitable to order the Produce of the Cargo to be Deposited here 'till the Truth of this Affair is known, We have therefore deposited the Sum of Rs. 6000 which by the Nocquedah's Account whose Name is Jacob Beag is the produce of the Cargo, the said Nocquedah has now sail'd to your Country, I desire you therefore to order your People to examine whether the said Cargo belongs to the Rajah or not & let me know the Truth that I may act according I wish you Health & Happiness.

What can I say more.

No. 72.

TO NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. DATED 19TH MAY 1751.

I am sorry to acquaint you I have receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Pascal advising me he is distress'd for Provisions, I must out of Regard to your own Affairs insist upon your ordering every thing necessary, Our Troops have been abroad ten Days & nothing yet done, I can only say that nothing has been wanting on my part.

No. 73.

From Noor Mahomed Cawn the Nabob's Vakeel in Camp. Rec'd 24th May 1751.

By the Blessing of God Mr. Gingin took the Fort of Verdachelum on Thursday the 23d Instant. It is impossible for me to express the bold Behaviour of Mr. Gingin, as he is an Officer appointed by your Honour, his Bravery is not to be doubted. Our Nabobs Flag is now hoisted upon that Fort by Mr. Gingin, Iwish you Joy on this Account. I have wrote very fully to the Nabob concerning Mr. Gingin's Trouble & Bravery in this Action.

What can I say more.

No. 74.

From Nabob Anaverdy Cawn. Receiv'd the 26th May 1751.

It was inexpressible Joy & Satisfaction to me to hear of your Resolution to punish the Enemy and of your sending your Troops abroad to my Assistance against them. As this bold Proceeding of yours will gain you a good Name I wish that God may keep you safe and enable you to dispatch the Affairs of your Friends. As you have begun to Assist me against my Enemies, you should continue your best Endeavours to the very End that it may gain you a good Name & Reputation throughout the Indostan Country. I must repeat that you have begun the Work and formed a Scheme to my Interest, please to execute it with Success.

It is a long time since I heard from you nor have I receiv'd Answers to the several Letters sent you nor your Receipt for a Bill of Exchange for 10000 Rupees sent you lately, I cannot tell what may be the Reason of it, I shall not reflect upon what is pass'd but in future I desire you'll write to me often which will be a great Consolation to me.

I have receiv'd a Letter from Noor Mahomed Cawn Dated the 17th Instant wherein he tells me that Captain Gingin arriv'd at Verdachilum on the 15th with the Army. I have wrote several Letters to Mr. Gingin & Noor Mahomed Cawn advising them to take Possession of the Fort at Verdachelum if it is surrender'd without Resistance and place our Guard in it but if it must be taken by Force & much time is required, not to stop thereupon that trifling Business but proceed directly to Walgonda & I suppose they will act agreeable to my Advice, I hope by this Time Hamed Ally Cawn and Mr. Pascal have join'd them with their respective Forces. On the 17th I ordered my Horsemen and Foot together with those that use Wall Pieces in all ten thousand men to march with Directions to join Mr. Gingin & the former Troops at Wolgonda & prepare themselves there to punish the Enemy. The same day the Jameadars of the above Army enter'd into their Tents & in two or three Days will begin their March under the Command of my Brother Abdul Vahaba Cawn. It is impossible for me to express my Gratitude to you, You yield your Assistance to me as required & I shall never forget your Kindness as long as I live.

I have been informed that there are arrived in Fort St. David Road five Ships from Europe one of which has landed 500 white Men besides several other People fit for Military Service, I hope the other Ships will land a sufficient Number & Military Stores, this gave me much Joy, I desire you'll keep these new Men in readiness for my Assistance, if our Army be large, it will strike a Terror into the Enemy who may perhaps cease their Hostilities in the Country & think themselves unable to resist us; I am very sensible that you have all this in your thoughts, I esteem you as my own Brother for which Reason I now add the Title of Brother in my usual Preambles to you & I hope you'll on your Part think it requisite to behave to me like a Brother. Mahomed Cawn Amuldar of Conjeveram & Mahomed Navaz of Terpasore are in Madras, if the Deputy Governour will assist them with two hundred regular Men, they can take Possession of several Places which will occasion great Confusion in the Enemy's proceedings who will be filled with Doubts & Suspicions and be oblig'd to send out different Parties in order to defend or retake those Places, in which Case they will be oblig'd to desist marching this Way out if they neglect to defend or retake those

Places, Our Amuldars will have peaceable Possession of them so we shall be sure of one or the other Advantage. I desire you therefore to assist in this Affair without fail for it will be beneficial to us.

P.S. After the above Letter was wrote I had the Pleasure to receive yours dated the 14 Instant acknowledging the Receipt of the Bill of Exchange for 1000 Rupees &. desiring me to send you another for the same Sum which I will do by & by. The Rajah of Sarangapatam is determin'd to send a proper Force to my Assistance & has wrote me a Letter on that Head a translate of which I shall transmit you shortly. The said Rajah has sent me some News in the Morata Language which I inclose for your Perusal by which you'll perceive the Enemy's Pride.

I am in great Want of 5000 Flints, Please to buy them for me & let me know the Price that I may send it you.

News from the Rajah of Sarangapatam.

A Body of 1000 Soldiers with sixteen Guns, Ammunition & other Necessaries is arriv'd in Camp from Pondicherry, the Governour of which place has sent an Express to march against Trichenopoly with all possible Speed. The Army will halt at this Place for three Days & in the mean time supply themselves with Money for Expence & then march forward. The English Army consisting of 1000 Soldiers & two thousand Seapoys set out from Cuddalore with 20 Guns & Ammunition, arriv'd at Trivedy & Panarooty & drove away the Enemy's Guards from Verdachilum & Seramestam, They intend to march to Woolatore to join Mahomed Ally Cawn at the Head of his Troops, When this is done the united Forces will march to attack Chunda Saib who receiv'd this Intelligence from Cuddalore, Trivedy & Trichenopoly & communicated it to the French, telling them that the English & Mahomed Ally Cawn were well provided with Men, Guns &ca Necessaries & that they expect Sarangapatam Troops to their Assistance, on this the French made loud Acclamations & propos'd to Chunda Saib to make nothing of the English & Mahomed Ally Cawn provided he would let them freely enjoy the Plunder excepting the Elephants Nagars & Banners which were to be the Circars Property, desiring Chunda Saib to sign his Consent to it upon which He was vastly pleas'd with them, commended their Courage & gave them a present of 5000 Rupees Chunda Saib & the French have now wrote Letters to Dupliex on this Head &. are willing to act agreeable to his Directions. Aulem Cawn, Maraver & Nalacooty from Madura sent Letters to Chunda Saib & promis'd to join him with their Respective Forces in the Plains of Woolatore. I hear that there are some People in Trichinoply Fort who intend to betray Mahomed Ally Cawn & that there is News at Cuddalore that the Rajah of Sarangapatam sent People to buy one thousand Firelocks to furnish himself the better to go to the Assistance of Mahomed Ally Cawn; Chenda Saib was angry with the said Rajah & declared before a Company of People that if he sends even ten thousand Musketeers to Mahomed Ally Cawn they can't hurt him since it has pleas'd the Almighty God to be merciful to him. The French Troops use great Compulsion in Chenda Saibs Camp which gives him no small Uneasiness. The second Subidar of the French was honour'd with a Power to take care of the Places about Arcot, Shaick Mahomed Sheriff will be soon sent from Camp to join him, He is at present getting some Necessaries ready. We have receiv'd Intelligence that three Brothers of the Nabob of Cudapah declared War one against the other & were enlisting Men to fight, but Dupliex has wrote them to the contrary & desir'd them to be Friends & take care to preserve their proper Country. Salabet Jung has concluded Peace with the Morattas & arriv'd at Aurangabad. The Head Subidar in Salabet Jung's Camp has wrote to the second Subidar his Brother that he is negotiating for a Grant of Nalavangal & Nody Countries which he will soon procure & send him with a Letter to the Inhabitants of the said Countries, Chunda Saib is displeas'd at it & said that the Head Subidar had no Bussiness to apply for those Grants Chenda Saib seems to be a little backward to move from this Place. He has thirty Guns large & small & intends to furnish himself with a sufficient Quantity of Ammunition & to pay the Army a Month's Wages before he marches to cross the River Cavarey. He is in hopes that the Forces from Madura will join him on the other Side that he may

venture upon an Action, it is talk'd that he will leave his Baggage here meaning Ternamel which I cannot believe. I shall not fail to send you a further Account of the Army.

No: 75.

To Nabob Aneverdy Cawn. Dated 27th May 1751.

I receiv'd your Letters with the enclos'd News from the Rajah of Siringapatam, and observe that you have receiv'd mine. I shall constantly write you everything that concerns your Interest but what can I say more than repeat that our Troops have been abroad these two Months and wait your joining them. I must tell you very plainly your Affairs suffer by such Delay, the Enemy have time to make themselves strong and if any thing should happen it is your Fault.

Great Complaints are made that the People are not paid their Batta regularly. I must desire you will immediately see this rectified. You have now an Opportunity of setting your Affairs, if you don't make use of it, I can't answer for the Consequence. Write me constantly of your Affairs, the Officer has Orders to consult with you what Steps are proper to be taken & to take Care his People commit no Hostilities or do any Act of Injustice to the Country People.

No. 76.

To Noor Mahomed Cawn. Dated 27th May 1751.

I receiv'd your Letter of Congratulation concerning the Victory Verdachilum, & on my part wish you Joy on that Account.

At the Time of your Departure I desired you to get the Batta regularly paid to our Troops & you promised to see it done but I have now received Complaints about Disappointments in that Respect, I must tell you plainly that this must be paid them without fail, I hope you'll write to the Nabob settle it, Don't neglect to do it.

What can I say more.

No. 77.

From Nabob Aneverdy Cawn. Receiv'd 27th May 1751.

I was extreamly well pleased to receive your Letter dated the 20th Instant wherein you are pleas'd to say that Mr. Pascal had complain'd to you for want of Provisions, in answer to which let me inform you that when Mr. Pascal & Hamed Ally Cawn took their Leave of me they marched & arriv'd at Termelvady on the other side of Cavarey & Coladan Rivers which the Freshes had deepen'd unexpectedly, at that time the Boats were at a distant Place which was the Reason of the Provisions being detain'd, after they had march'd from Termelvady the Boats being ready & the Freshes ceas'd in some Degree a sufficient Quantity was sent them, besides on my hearing of Mr. Gingin's Arrival with your Troops at Verdachilum, I wrote Letters to the Poligars at Worriarpollam, Areyalore, Toravore & the Amuldar at Woolatore under Trichenopoly to supply the Army constantly with Provisions they return'd for answer that they had already sent some and would continue to do so, you may therefore make yourself perfectly easy on this Head. Care shall be taken to supply the Army with all Necessaries that can be got at Trichenopoly but you must be sensible that there are some Things which must be sent from Fort St. David. You may be assured that every Englishman in your Army shall be esteem'd by me like a Jamadar in my Company.

In my several Letters I have informed you that as soon as Mr. Pascal & Hamed Ally Cawn join your Troops at Verdachilum & march towards Wolgonda I shall send a strong Detachment under the command of my Brother Abdul Vahaba Cawn to join them at that Place; I suppose Mr. Cope has wrote you the same, I have not yet

receiv'd News of their March from Verdachilum, when I do, my Brother shall be ordered to proceed at the head of my Army which is in readiness without the Fort & to act in Conjunction to dispatch our Affairs of the Greatest Importance. You say in your Letter that nothing was yet done tho' the Troops had been out ten days & that the Neglect was not on your Side, I allow'd to be true; Depending upon your Assistance I have undertaken this Affair and am in firm hopes that everything will meet with Success by your Help, it is my best Wishes that God may keep you safe and enable you more & more to dispatch the Affairs of your Friends.

I have receiv'd a Letter from my Vakeel at Court wherein he tells me that Gazedy Cawn was honour'd by the Great Mogul with a Tasheriff for the Government of the Decan Country on the 25th of the Moon Rabeasamy & began his March on the 27th & that he has dispatch'd his Letters & the Mogul's Orders afresh to me and all other Governours in the Decan Country; He tells me further that a Letter is also sent in your Name, approving your Union with me & desiring you to punish & expel the Enemy & clear the Moguls Countries from their Oppression. I hope these Letters will soon arrive. It will be a great deal better if the Enemy is expelled and the Arcot & Trichenopoly Countries settled by your Help before the Arrival of Gazedy Cawn, & the Approach of the Indostan Armies; If it pleases God to make us successful in this Affair, it will not only gain us a good Name before his Majesty but throughout all the Mogul's Countries. I wish God may end our Affairs with Success.

I am in great Want of a Mortar fit for Shells of Eight Inches, Please to send it me with 1,000 Shells. The Bill for 10,000 Rupees is ready & shall be sent you in a day or two.

What can I say more.

No. 78.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIV'D 29TH MAY 1751.

Thanks be to God that Mr. Pascal & Hamed Ally Cawn join'd Mr. Gingin the 22nd Instant & on the 23rd the English Army was so bold & active as to take Verdachilum Fort by a single Attack & to hoist my Flag upon it, This indeed is a good sign of our future Victories, I wish God may grant you & all other Friends Joy on this Account.

Now my Brother Abdul Vahaba Cawn will soon join your Troops with a strong Army & then by joint Consultation they will proceed forward. There will be occasion for certain Necessaries to be continually sent from Fort St. David to the Army on which Account, Care ought to be taken of Verdachilum with a proper Guard as it lies just in the Road, It is therefore requisite to send thither a hundred Seapoys from Fort St. David with necessary Ammunition, If they are not in readiness, enlist that Number immediately for it is not proper for Mr Gingin to spare his Men and Ammunition for the several Guards which may be placed in the Country since he has Business of Consequence to finish. I must tell you that if Verdachilum is made strong, Calkurchey &ca Places must of Course fall into our Hands. The Approach of our Army & out late Victory at Verdachilum must have thrown the Enemy into Confusion, and if the English Troops at Madrass should set out at this Juncture in Company with Walley Mahomed Cawn Amuldar of Conjeveram, & take Possession of the Countries that way, which may be easily done, it will be the same in reality as if we were Masters of three Quarters of the Carnatick, The Enemy will be entirely deprived of the Revenues & unable to fight which will certainly ruin their Affairs, it is therefore highly necessary to be mindful of it.

I have sent an Amuldar to Verdachilum in order to recal the Inhabitants & collect the Revenues, your Guard there should assist in his Affairs who will pay them out of the said Revenues. Motabar Cawn the Killedar of Wolgonda is my old Friend His Fort & Country are the same as if they were under my Government, I have therefore wrote to Mr. Gingin not to seize upon them, on the contrary to take Care of his Villages for he will befriend us in supplying the Army with Provisions & other

Necessaries. By the Blessing of God 'tis now the Dawn of our good Luck. Mr. Gingin is bold & active like Rustem and so is every Englishman in the Army. It behoves a Man to be brave but God is the Helper and Giver of Success. I am in hopes that the Gracious God will give us frequent Victories & that we shall obtain our Ends by which you will gain a good Name & Reputation in this World.

Inclos'd is a Bill of Exchange for Rups. 10,000 upon Buckenzee for the Charges of your Troops agreable to your Desire which I hope you'll send me a Receipt for.

In Aneverdy Cawn's Own Hand.

By the Blessing of God & your good Endeavours I have already met with Success in my Affairs. I entirely depend upon your Assistance.

I have receiv'd Intelligence that Chenda Saib's Son set out from Pondicherry with 50 Soldiers, a Gun & a Mortar & 4 Waggon loads of Ammunition to join his Father, 'tis the same to me as if he had stayed where he was but still it won't be amiss in you to send a Reinforcement from Fort St. David to the Army that we may be an equal Match for them, otherwise please to spread a Report in your Place that you'll soon send a proper Assistance. In my Opinion you had better send all the Men you can spare.

No. 79.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIV'D THE 30TH MAY 1751.

Yesterday I wrote you a Letter of Congratulation upon your Conquest of Verdachilum Fort which indeed has occasion'd great Discouragement to the Enemy. I wish that God may always make our Armies victorious. This day I receiv'd Advice that the Enemy is moved from Ternamel & arrived at Manalore Pettah, with a Resolution to march against my Place by the Way of Verdachilum but Hassenedy Cawn the second Subidar's Defeat by the Jamadars towards Arcot & our Success at Verdachilum makes me think to the contrary, however it is highly requisite to make Verdachilum as strong as possible & to supply it with Ammunition & Provisions I have wrote to Mr. Gingin & Noor Mahomed Cawn who are now at Walgonda on this Head and desir'd them to assist the Guards at Verdachilum to the utmost of their Ability, on my Part I shall not neglect to send Ammunition, Grain &ca Provisions to them from this Place ; I must repeat my Request that you'll without fail supply the said Guards with Ammunition & Provisions, if not in large Quantities, you should send sufficient to support them in case of the Enemy's Approach 'till a Reinforcement can be sent there. This day my Brother took his Leave of me & march'd across the two Rivers & arrived at Mensore Pettah & by Gods Help will soon join Mr. Gingin. If the Enemy moves forward from the Place where he is at present there will be but a very small Distance between the two Armies to push them to fight, it is therefore advisable for your Honour to keep a small Part of your Men to take Care of the Fort & detach the Rest to the Army together with the new Recruits that were landed by the Europe Ships which will strengthen our Party & strike Terror into the Enemy to the highest Degree.

What can I say more.

In Aneverdy Cawn's Own Hand.

This day Mr. Cope came to me and desired me to settle Accts saying perhaps he might be sent for to the Army, in answer to which I told him that it was proper for him to stay in the Fort and not think of going & added that I would send for your Orders on that Head I hope therefore that you will immediately write to Mr. Cope directing him to continue in the Fort & to take care of it

No. 80.

TO NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. DATED 31ST MAY 1751.

I have had the Pleasure to receive your several Letters with a Bill of Exchange for Rupees 10,000 upon Buckenjee, Agreable to you Request I have wrote to Mr. Cope to continue in the Fort & take care of it, make yourself perfectly easy about it.

As to the present Month's Account I have wrote to Mr. Gingin, as soon as I receive it, it shall be sent you with the other Accounts. From the Beginning of next Month, I desire you'll pay the Batta to Mr. Gingin's Troops yourself, I hope your Army has join'd them by this Time, it is my best Wishes that you may gain a Victory.

What can I say more.

No. 81.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIV'D THE 7TH OF JUNE 1751.

I have had the Pleasure to receive your two Letters you desire me to pay the Batta to Mr. Gingin's Troops myself from the Beginning of this Month, I have not yet receiv'd the Account of the said Batta nor did you write me anything about it before, however I sent him 5,000 Rupees agreable to his Request by means of Mr. Cope & 4,000 by my Brother Abdul Vahaba Cawn, making together 9,000, and I shall not neglect to send him other Sums. I desir'd Mr. Gingin by a Letter to let me know the amount of a Month's Batta and promis'd to send him what might remain due for the present Month. You may be assur'd that your People shall not be wrong'd of their Batta, you did not write to me about it till now; in future, I shall take care to send continual Sums on that Account.

I am glad you have wrote to Mr. Gingin to be agreable to us and also to Mr. Cope to take care of the Fort. My Brother join'd Mr. Gingin the 3d. I have sent a sufficient Quantity of Ammunition & other Necessaries to the Army and shall continue to do so. The Enemy is within 5 Coasses of our Army and I wish that God may grant us Victory. The Time is near at hand for an Engagement, it is highly necessary for you to send a Reinforcement to the Army, I suppose you are mindful of this Matter. I have not yet received the Flints you mention, you did not write me how many they were; as soon as I receive them I shall let you know. It will be a great Pleasure to me to receive continual Letters from you.

What can I say more?

No. 82.

TO NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. DATED 13TH JUNE 1751.

It is very true that Complaint has been made of the Batta's not being duly paid; When our Troops went first abroad the Expences amounted to Rup[s] 16000 or thereabouts pr Month, since which there has been an Addition of Cooleys &ca an account of all which shall be deliver'd by our Officer to your Agent in Camp, & I desire you'll pay agreable thereto.

I have this day receiv'd an Answer from the Nabob of Bengal to the Letter you sent him lately, as this may be of Consequence I did not chuse to forward it by the Bearer, Please to dispatch some trusty People by whom it shall be sent.

I must repeat you will not be wanting in advancing the proper Sums for Batta, Since I wrote you I have reinforced the Army largely, I hourly wait to hear of their Success which will be a happy Omen of your Government of the Carnateck Country.

No. 83.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIV'D THE 17TH JUNE 1751.

I thank God that it pleased him to grant us Success in the late Engagement with the Enemy who are under great Consternation at present. I am glad to find that Mess[rs] Gingin, Dalton, Pascal &ca Officers in the Army are active & bold. They

give Instances of Bravery according to my Expectations which is owing to the Blessing of God & your Assistance. No considerable Engagement had happen'd the 12th Instant. As I have a just Right to the Government I am in hopes that God will grant me Victory, when I receive that good News I shall not fail to write you a Letter of Congratulation but in the interim must desire you to continue sending the necessary Assistance to the Army. On my Part I am sending Money & a sufficient Quantity of Provisions & warlike Necessaries.

The Amount of a Month's Batta for Mr. Gingin's Command at the Rate of Rs. 550 per Diem is Rup[s] 16500 which I shall pay him from the 1st of the present Month agreeable to your Desire & in part of that Amount I have already sent 15000 & the Remainder shall soon follow. I lately wrote to you desiring you to order your Deputy in Madrass to assist my Amuldars there namely Walley Mahomed Cawn, Mahomed Navaz &ca to raise Disturbances in the several Parganas that Way which will certainly hinder the Enemy from receiving the Revenues of the Country & make them uneasy; I have been informed that they have sent for Hassenedey Cawn the second Subidar from Arcot and Aulem Cawn from Madeira & that they wait their Arrival to engage us. At this time if the Amuldars about Madrass raise Disturbances in Conjeveram &ca, it is probable that this said Subidar will be ordered to march there, I therefore think it advisable to pursue this Scheme but you may act as you think proper. Let me know your Resolution.

Mr. Dupliex from Pondicberry has wrote Letters to all the Jameadars in the Arcot & Trichenopoly Countries directing them to act in Conjunction with Chunda Saib, in opposition to which I think it highly necessary for you to write to them in my Behalf under your Seal. I inclose a List of their Names & the Form & hope you'll get the Letters ready & send them to me that I may forward them. As to that for the King of Tanjour Please to send it by your own Hircars. Continue to write to me.

What can I say more.

FORM OF THE ABOVEMENTION'D LETTER.

This is on purpose to acquaint you that his Majesty the Great Mogul's Phirmaund is arrived in the name of Nabob Aneverdy Cawn Behader together with Letters from Gazedy Cawn & Nabob Behader Javead Cawn in confirmation of the Government of the Carnateck Country. Our Assistance to the true Servant of the Great Mogul will redound to our King's Honour & Credit in Europe, I have therefore thought fit to send my Army under the Command of Mr. Gingin and other Officers with a large Artillery to the Assistance of the said Aneverdy Cawn & am resolved to clear the Country of the Rebels & to see his Power acknowledged throughout the whole Carnateck Country. By the Blessing of God this shall be done in a Short Time. It is requisite for all faithful Servants to the Mogul to regard his Majesty's Order & send their Respective Forces to act in Conjunction with Aneverdy Cawn. I therefore direct you to send your Troops and hear & act as the Nabob may order which will be a means to procure Happiness to you. If you act otherwise you will meet with a bad Reward. Observe this as a strict Warning & act agreeable to this letter.

N.B. In the Letters to the King of Tanjour & the Delavoy of Sarangapatam the Nabob desires the words *bad Reward* may be left out & send in their Room, that they shall be exalted by Favours from Court provided they send proper Forces to act in Conjunction with him.

No. 84.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIVED THE 17TH JUNE 1751.

Upon the Death of Muzepher Jung, Ramadoss Punt & the French set up Salabet Jung for Governour of the Decan Country, as he is not of Age they keep him under their Power and transact Things agreeable their Liking. Sometime ago they

got Salabet Jung to write me a Letter ordering me to quit this Country & go to him but as Gazedy Cawn is proper Governour of the Decan Country & his Letter together with the Mogul's Phirmaund and the Hasebul Hookum from Nabob Behader Javeed Cawn are arrived in my Name in confirmation of the Government of the Carnateck I did not regard what Salabat Jung had wrote me, on the contrary return'd him a clear Answer who being incens'd thereat has now sent an order upon me for the Payment of 4 Lack of Rupees on account of the Chout to Balazee Bazee Raw the Moratta whose Vakeel is come to me with the Order and is demanding the Money.

Mr. Dupleix from Pondicherry out of his wicked Pride has sent me two Letters together with one in the Moratta Language to Balazee Bazee Raws Vakeel & got Mr. Dauteuil to write to me at the same time Copies of the three Letters to me I send inclosed for your Perusal, by which you'll find Dupliex's Pride and malicious Expressions against you and me. The Haughty & Wicked in former Times have always been duly punished by the Almighty. In my Opinion, if it pleases God, Dupliexs Pride will turn to his Shame & Disgrace in a short time. Gazady Cawn (who is the lawful Prince of the Decan Country & has the Power of regulating the Affairs of the Mogul's Dominions) set out from Delly on the 2d of the Moon Zamadessany and is marching towards the Decan ; I hope he will soon arrive in the Country, then the Enemys & Rebels in general will meet with deserved Punishment & we who are his Welwishers shall obtain our Reward.

What can I say more ?

(1)

From Mr. Dupliex to Nabob Anevverdy Cawn.

I hope Admonitions and friendly good Advice will be agreeable and acceptable to you. You did not chuse to act agreeable to Nabob Salabet Jung's order & to follow my good Advice, on the contrary seek Pretensions, since it is so I am certain you'll never pay regard to my Admonitions. I have heretofore wrote to you out of Friendship but you did not care to trust to the word and promise you made you by Salabet Jung who is now pleas'd to send written orders upon you for Rup[s] 40000 to be paid to Balazee Bazee Raw in part of the Morattas Chout due in the time of your Father, You may believe me that the Source of these Orders is my writing to Salabet Jung of your Intention to hold out, if he was sure that you would act agreeable to his Instructions he would never send Orders for the Payment of that Money. You look upon Salabet Jung's Order as Childish Play & make little or no account of Balazee Raw's People & don't mind them. It is just & Reasonable that you should pay the Money to the Morattas. Now if you place Confidence in what Salabet Jung and I have wrote and act agreeable to our Desire, believe me and I declare by an Oath that I shall never violate or differ as much as a Hair from our Promise, but if you continue in your Follies there will be more written Orders sent you for the Payment of several other Sums by reason that you have detain'd the Money got by that Country and are detaining it.

I am assured that an Express has been sent you to quit that Country & that you have kept it secret because it is contrary to your Design. You don't acknowledge Salabet Jung as your Superiour because he sent you, the above Orders & Express, but if he writes to you agreeable to your Liking, I suppose you'll then acknowledge him, it is in vain for me to write all this to you, you may either obey or disobey Salabet Jung's Order, 'tis left to your Pleasure for I have no Business with you. Now your true & hearty Friends who have always given you Instances of their Fidelity are acting badly in those Parts, as you are the Author of it, both you and they will meet deserved Punishment.

What can I say more ?

(2)

FROM MR. DUPLIEX TO NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN.

Yesterday I wrote you a Letter giving you a full Account of Matters. Now I send one in the Moratta Language to Severam Narain Vakeel to Balazee Bazee Raw which I hope you'll deliver to him & procure his answer & send it me, also your Answer to my Letter. Send these to me as soon as possible.

What can I say more ?

(3)

FROM MR. D'AUTEUIL to NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN BEHADER.

Mr. Dupliex the Governour of Pondicherry who bears the Title of Zupher Jung Behader was pleas'd to send you two Letters to which I hope you'll send Answers as soon as possible, if you hear and act agreeable to the Governour's Pleasure it will turn out to your Advantage. I have nothing more to add.

No. 85.

FROM ABDULL MAZEAD CAWN NABOB OF CUDAPAH. REC'D THE 20TH JUNE 1751.

I was extreamly glad to receive your friendly Letter in answer to that of mine & observe the Contents. Praised be God that our Friendship is sincere, I look upon you to be my true Friend & wish that the Almighty may increase our Friendship daily to our Satisfaction.

The Character I have had the Pleasure to hear of you I find to be just as I see Instances thereof. You acted like a Hero & defended & preserved the Place which gave me a great deal of Pleasure, indeed 'is the Business of brave Men to do so. Sometime ago I sent a Cup of Tulenaigue by Muttal Naick which I suppose you know of. Depending upon the Friendship between us I take the Liberty to write to you to desire you'll oblige me so far as to send me some Curiosities upon the Arrival of the Europe Ships if you can get any. Don't take it ill for I am your true Friend & trouble you on that Account. Till an Opportunity offers to pay you a Visit write to me constantly of your Health and Welfare.

What can I say more.

No. 86.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIVED THE 22ND JUNE 1751.

It was great Joy and Satisfaction to me to receive your Letter of the 13th Instant, which gave me an account of your sending a large Reinforcement to the Army and also of your Expectations of Success which will be a means to settle the Affairs of my Government of the Carnateck, it is my Wishes that God may soon grant it.

By the Blessing of God you have undertaken to assist in extirpating & quelling the Disturbance of the Enemy. I am therefore confident that you 'll send continual Supplies of Men, Warlike Stores &ca to the Army as required and it is needless for me to write you on that Head ; If it pleases God I shall soon write you a Letter of Congratulation.

It is a great Pleasure to me to hear that you have receiv'd a letter from the Nabob of Bengal for me, Agreeable to your Desire I herewith send you two Causeds or Posts namely Peermahad and Meerdah who are my old & trusty Servants in company with two of Mr. Cope's Men. Please to forward the Letter by them as soon as possible & send some of your People along with them. If you have receiv'd a Letter from the English Governour of Bengal along with the Nabobs, Please to favour me with a Copy of it for my perusal.

I have to this Day sent Rupees 16500 to Mr. Gingin & shall readily pay whatever he may write for to gether with the Batta for the new Recruits which are gone & may go hereafter from Fort St. David. I shall advance Sums on that Account You may be assur'd that your Troops shall not suffer Hardships for want of the Batta, make yourself perfectly easy about it. I have sent a Sufficiency of Provisions to the Army & shall continue to do so, everything is as cheap there as in Trichinopoly, indeed just the same Prices. I must repeat that I am not unmindful to forward Money & Provisions to the Army. Write to me frequently and please me.

What can I say more?

In Aneverdy Cawn's own Hand.

It is my best Wishes that God may keep you safe & that you may continue your Kindness to me. Please to dispatch the Posts with all possible Speed.

No. 87.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIV'D 27TH JUNE 1751.

By my several Letters sent you lately I cammunicated to you the Occurrences of these Parts, now I am to inform you that the Enemy being within 2 Coasses on the other side of the Castle of Wolgonda, it was thought proper to take Possession of it and to that Mr. Gingin attack'd it on the 18th and threw Bombs the whole Night directing my brother at the same time to be upon his Guard to face the Enemy in case of their Approach. The People in the Castle were sadly distress'd by our Bombs and we were certain of Victory in a little Time but on the 19th in the Morning the Enemy divided their Forces into two Bodies, one for the Assistance of the Castle & the other to engage our Troops accordingly they appeared in sight of our People on this Mr. Gingin with his Men and the Circars Troops engag'd them and fir'd their Guns very hot which killed two hundred of their Men, it is to be remarked that our Cofferies were very bold and went up to the Enemies Gunners, stabb'd them with their Bayonets & forced their Guns from them, at length the Enemy's Troops were defeated & our Adversary (Chunda Saib) oblig'd to retreat upon his Elephant to the Distance of two Arrows Flight but Motabar Cawn the Commander of the Castle who was then looking through a Spying Glass from one of the Bastions to see the Fight finding that our Enemy's Forces were defeated in the Manner above related, thought that the English would shew him no Mercy & therefore fir'd about 100 Balls briskly at our Armies, at that time a Horse was shot under my Brother, who immediately mounted another & behaved very bold. Thus our Troops gain'd a Victory and returned to their Camp but the Enemy took Shelter in the Castle. Now our best Way is to endeavour to draw the Enemy out into the Field to fight them, to which End our Armies moved to Woolatore. By the Blessing of God the Bravery of the English Troops has created Terror in the Enemy and it is impossible for me to express the undauted Valour & Bravery of Mr. Gingin in this Action.

You was pleas'd to undertake the entire Management of my Affairs, By the help of God and your Assistance I have employed my self in taking Care of this Fort and in endeavouring to distress the Enemy and ordered my Brother Abdul Vahaba Cawn to be mindful of the present Undertakings, Your Union with me is well known to all our Friends as well as our Foes & your true Regard & Attachment to the Interest of the Circar has reach'd the Ears of His Majesty the Great Mogul and Gazedey Cawn, You should therefore agreeable to your Promise and for the Honour of your Nation be strictly inclin'd to assist me in such a Manner that I may obtain my desire which will gain you a good Name & Reputation throughout all Indostan, Decan, Bengall & Europe where they will commend you. I also on my part shall gain great Credit and be esteem'd by the Mogul, Gazedy Cawn & the other great Men of the Indostan and Decan Countries, Please to write to Mr. Gingin & direct him to be diligent and act in Conjunction with my Brother against the Enemy and punish them, Be pleas'd also to send a proper Assistance & a supply of

Warlike Necessaries. Sometime ago I desired you by several Letters to send a small Force from Madrass to assist my Amuldars to take Possession of the several Districts lying that Way, if this had been done, the Enemy might have been depriv'd of the Revenues of the Country which in all likelihood would have oblig'd them to decline their March this way & then our Troops would have fought them to their entire Defeat in that Country. However depending upon your true Friendship I take the Liberty again to desire you to lend your Assistance on this Business in which Case our Armies may easily overcome them; For instance I beg Leave to mention that while Mr. Hinde was Governour, I marched with my Forces to Fort St. David to protect it, at that time I had an Engagement with the French and defeated them. On this out of a good Contrivance they ordered their Troops then in Madrass to march into the Poonamaly, Conjeveram, Terpasore &ca Countries & to commit Hostilities in them; This obliged me to send part of my Troops from Fort St. David to put a Stop to their Proceedings. I must repeat that my Amuldars in Madrass are very willing to execute my Orders. I hope therefore that you'll give them the necessary Assistance & send us a Reinforcement & a Supply of Warlike Stores.

What can I say more.

In Aneverdy Cawn's own Hand.

I had a small Quantity of Europe Powder in the Fort, Part of which I sent to the Camp & there is but a little Quantity left; Please to supply me with as much as you can, also to send me the Flints I wrote for with two hundred Fire-locks. Don't neglect to write to Mr. Gingin touching his Assistance to us. You have begun the Thing please to conclude it with Success. My whole Dependence is upon you. I must acquaint you that the Sarangapatam Troops are arriv'd very near my Place & will soon join me.

No. 88.

To Nabob Aneverdy Cawn. Dated the 28th June 1751.

I observe the Contents of the several Letters you have wrote me, by your People & 2 of mine I now send you the Letter from the Nabob of Muxidavad, the Gov of Bengal writes me that as soon as he receives any Letters for you they shall be immediately forwarded & upon receipt of them I shall write to you. I have wrote to Madrass to assist your People. 'Tis with pleasure I can observe to you that the Behaviour of your Brother Abdul Bob Cawn has gain'd him Reputation and a great Name in the Camp & that your People behav'd gallantly as well as the Coffrees. I wish all the Rest had done so, if they had we should not now have the Mortification to see the French in Possession of Wolgonda triumphing at our Defeat; I think it necessary to repeat to you that in order that every thing might be transacted with the greatest Advantage to your Interest, I gave Captain Gingin Orders to concert Measures with you, he has full Power to act in every Respect without waiting for my Approbation I have ordered a Supply of Gunpowder & now send a Reinforcement of Men with orders to harrass the Enemy & engage them as soon as possible. What has already pass'd is not agreeable to me; I hope the Future will be attended with better Success, be assured of my Friendship and think that nothing will be a greater Pleasure to me than to hear of your Happiness.

I shall write to the King of Tanjour, Misore & other Officers to be firm to your Cause.

No. 89.

To the Worriar of Worriarpollam. Dated 28th June 1751.

My People inform me that they have met with some trouble in passing through your Country, I am assured this is done without your Knowledge, as it is quite contrary to the Friendship that subsists between us, I have given them strict Orders not to commit any insult to your People & desire you will enjoin your Officers to assist them & let them pass unmolested through your Country which I shall esteem as a Mark of your Friendship.

No. 90.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIV'D 30TH JUNE 1751.

In my last Letter I gave you an account of the Engagement at Wolgonda & of the Enemy's Defeat by our Troops who thought fit to retire to Woolatore on the Enemy's taking Shelter at Wolgonda Fort, I suppose Mr. Gingin has wrote to you the same Subject. Now I am to acquaint you that the Enemy's Army still lies encamp'd at Wolgonda in Expectation of Hassenedey Cawn the second Subidar of the French who is sent for from Arcot & that our Troops are at Woolatore in firm Resolution to oppose the Enemy. I hope in God that they will be destroy'd & you gain a good Name & Reputation for assisting in my Affairs.

The Rajah of Sarangapatam has sent several Detachments of his Troops to my Assistance, one of which consisting of one thousand Peons is already arriv'd, Another under the Command of Racheya is within 20 Coasses and the last, which is a very strong one, within 40, as these are expected very soon I shall send them to join my Brother Abdul Vahaba Cawn. Some of Tondaman's Troops are here with me but for all that the Dispatch of my Business depends upon God & your Assistanc which exceeds all the Assistance from others.

I have been inform'd that your Ships have brought a large Number of Coffrees, I therefore desire you to send them to Mr. Gingin as soon as possible with Guns and other Necessaries with Directions to be diligent & act in Conjunction with my Brother, I must desire you likewise to write to the Deputy Governour at Madrass & direct him to assist either Walley Mahomed Cawn or Mahomed Navaz with a Force in order to take Possession of the several Districts under the Arcot Country & to disturb it which will certainly confound the Enemy who will not know how to oppose us both here and there. Write to me often which will afford me great Pleasure.

In Aneverdy Cawn's Own Hand.

I want one hundred Barrels of Powder, half for the Use of Firelocks & the other half for Guns which I shall lay in Store for the Fort, I suppose you have by this time forwarded my Bengal Letter.

No. 91.

FROM THE WORRIAR OF WORRIARPOLLUM. RECEIV'D THE 6 JULY 1751.

I have receiv'd your Honour's Letter & observe the Contents. You are pleas'd to mention that my People hinder yours from passing & repassing through my Limits & desire me to order them not to do so, you say also that you have ordered your People not to insult my Country for which Instance of Friendship I am much oblig'd to you. I take the Liberty to remind you that there is a strict Friendship between us and on that Account my People will never venture to act in the Manner you mention. When Messrs Gingin & Pascal arriv'd in these Parts I look'd upon their Affairs in the same Light as my own and sent my People to attend them of which you must be sensible I must repeat that my People never ventur'd to molest yours nor will they endeavour to do it in future. As you are a Gentleman endowed with Wisdom I need not urge much on that Head. Let our old Friendship augment daily like the Moon upon the Increase. Continue to write to me of your Health and of what I can be of Service to you in these Parts.

No. 92.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIV'D THE 9TH JULY 1751.

I was extremeley glad to receive your Letter together with that from Shoza Al Mulk Hasham Al Develah Mahomed Alawardy Cawn Behader Mahomed Jung Nabob of Bengal, a Copy of which & of that which he wrote to Chukel Kishwer his head Vakeel at Court on my Affair I send inclos'd for your Perusal by which you 'ill

perceive his favourable Inclination towards me. I observe what the English Governour of Bengal has wrote you and am vastly pleas'd with his Good Will, You maintain a true Friendship with me & I have the Addition of the Bengal Governour's Favour & Amity. These are surely Marks of God's Grace to me.

You are pleas'd to mention that you have wrote and directed Mr. Gingin not to wait to hear from you but to act in Conjunction with me & dispatch my Affairs, This Instance of Friendship gave me much Joy. I am glad that you have sent a Reinforcement & Gunpowder. As each others Affairs are to be look'd upon in the same Light. I hope you'll not wait to hear from me but be mindful to forward everything necessary.

The English Troops are still in the plains of Wootatore in Company with my Brother, whenever the Enemy move from Wolgonda that way our Army will attack them and I shall not fail to send you an account of what passes. I have sent my Hircars to bring me Advices of your Reinforcement but have yet learnt nothing of them. I hope they will soon join the army. I have receiv'd Intelligence that when your Troops arriv'd at Werdachilum they were attack'd by two thousand men of the Enemy who were oblig'd to raise the Seige of the Fort and run away; This is talk'd of every where and has convinc'd the World of the Bravery of your Troops.

I have just now receiv'd Advice that the Enemy is mov'd from Wolgonda towards Wootatore When I hear further I'll let you know. Continue to write to me of your Health and Welfare. What can I say more.

In Aneverdy Cawn's Own Hand.

It is impossible for me to express your great Frienship, I wish God may grant you long Life. I am in firm hopes that you'll assist me to the utmost of your Power.

I am glad to hear that you have ordered the Deputy Governour of Madrass to assist my Amuldars, I must acquaint you that the Countries towards Arcot are clear of the Enemy's Forces; If your troops [went] out from Madrass jointly with Mahomed Cawn &ca Amuldars & take Possession of those Districts it will throw the Enemy into Confusion. I hope therefore that you'll write again to the Deputy Governour on this Head. The Nabob of Bengal's Letter is full of Friendship I intend to return him an Answer with Copies of his Majesty's Phirmaund & Gazedy Cawn's and Nabob Behader Javeed Cawn's Letters to me. I shall send these to you by & by & I hope you'll forward them to Bengal by Sea.

From the Nabob of Bengal to Nabob Aneverdy Cawn.

I was extremely glad to receive your Letter which gave me an account of the Revolution in your Country & of your safe Return to Trichenopoly after the Fate of Nauzir Jung and also of your taking proper Care of your Fort & Districts notwithstanding you think it requisite to get yourself into Favour with his Majesty's Courtiers & have therefore thought necessary to write Letters to his Majesty, the Great Mogul & Gazedy Cawn which you desire me to forward to my Vakeel at Court in regard to the old Friendship between you and my Father, with Directions to use his Endeavours to get your Request granted. Immediately on Receipt of your Letters I forwarded them to Court to Rajah Chekel Kishwer & wrote him a Letter in the strongest Terms I was able to negotiate, & procure the Saneds you desire. A Copy of my Letter I send you inclos'd. Believe that I look upon your Affairs in the same Light as my own & shall no ways neglect to serve You. By the Blessing of God your Affairs will meet with Success according to your Desire.

What can I say more.

From the Nabob of Bengal to Rajah Chekel Kishwar, his Vakeel at Court.

I write this to acquaint you that the Governmt of the Carnateck Country was conferr'd on Aneverdy Cawn Son to the late Nabob Anaverdy Cawn, during Nizams Life. He has wrote Letters to me & you & requested me to write to you myself to desire you to use Your Endeavours at Court & obtain Saneds in confirmation of his

Menseb, Title & Government, at the Expence of 50000 Rupees which he the said Aneverdy Cawn is willing to remit you by Bills as soon as the Saneds are procur'd. As a mutual Friendship subsisted between me & his Father for a long time I think it requisite to give my Assistance to his Affairs. I repeat that you need not spare the above Expence but use your best Endeavours to procure the Saneds which forward as soon as possible, in doing this you'ill please me vastly. I herewith send you Aneverdy Cawn's Letters to his Majesty, Gazedy Cawn & Bader al Eslam Cawn & hope you'll present them. Use your best Endeavours in this Affair.

No. 93.

FROM RAMAH NAICK. RECEIV'D THE 17TH JULY 1751.

In my last to you I gave you an Account of Matters in these parts ; Now I take the Liberty to inform you that a Body of 500 Country Peons & 300 Seapoys march'd from Caricall with sixty Soldiers, Topasses included & two Guns. Some talk that they are going to Chunda Saib & others to Trichenopoly. This is what my People heard when they enquir'd about it & I thought fit to communicate it to you.

No. 94,

TO THE KING OF TANJOUR. DATED 17TH JULY 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letter and am oblig'd to you for your Advice of the French Party marching through your Country to Trichenopoly. I have wrote to my Officers in Camp of the Friendship & Alliance that subsists between you Mahomed Ally & myself & ordered them if your Affairs should require it, to give you Assistance. I shall always be glad to hear of your Happiness.

No. 95.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIV'D THE 22ND JULY 1751.

On the 11TH Instant we had a smart Engagement with the Enemy in the Plains of Wootatore at which Time Mr. Gingin &ca., Officers of the English Army gave proofs of their Valour firing both great Guns & small Arms so briskly upon the Enemy that a great many of their Men were kill'd & wounded. The Engagement lasted 'till 3 o'Clock that Evening when the Enemy return'd to their Camp upon which Mr. Gingin & my Brother march'd back to their own Tents and considering that the Enemy might perhaps move towards Samayeveram & endeavour to intercept what Provisions might be sent to the Army, they therefore agreed & thought fit to quit Wootatore & go to Pitchandy Covil near the River. On the 12th the Enemy march'd also & arriv'd at Samayavaram, the Distance between the two Armies is one Coass, if any thing happens hereafter or any fresh Resolution is taken I shall not fail to write to You. Let me hear from you constantly which will give me vast pleasure.

In Aneverdy Cawn's own Hand.

I depend entirely upon your Assistance, & desire you therefore to send me all the Succour you can. Please to order a Disturbance to be rais'd in the Arcot Country as fast as possible to create uneasiness in the Enemy.

No. 96.

TO NABOB ANEVRDY CAWN. DATED THE 22D JULY 1751.

Captain Cope writes me you are sending your Vakeel to me with whom I shall consult everything for your Interest. I am inform'd you are dejected at our late ill Successes which I would have you on no account be. The Difference between a

common man & a Prince is that the one lives & dies & is hardly thought of while the other when under Misfortunes shews a superior Genius in surmounting them & if prosperity attends him he has the pleasure of being a Blessing to Multitudes & his Name lives many ages; View but the Course of one year, 'tis not all Sun shine, a serene & cloudy Sky succeed each other, Such is our Case at present it is a little over cast but will soon clear up, your Family and Fortune are at stake which may possibly affect you more, I have enter'd into a Bond of Friendship with you, will partake of your good or bad fortune and am resolv'd to be true to you, I have already sent a Force much superior to the French, its true yours is not equal to Chunda's; I shall endeavour to supply this by sending more, exert yourself and what Force you can & only take care the Army be paid & supplied with provisions, consider your Enemy has villanously sold his Country & Countrymen to a people who only make use of him for their own Interest you are fighting in a just Cause which I hope God will bless, let me hear of your Health.

Since writing the above I receiv'd your Letter mentioning the Engagement at Wootatore, I have since heard our People have pass'd the Calderoon. I wish instead of retreating them that they would drive the Enemy from their Post. I have wrote to the King of Tanjour & now inclose you a Letter to Aulem Cawn, 'tis my opinion you should endeavour to gain him to your Interest. If you approve it you may send it. By the Account which comes with this you will see you are indebted to the End of last Month Rs. 32,500 which you will send me a Bill on Buckenjee for.

No. 97.

TO AULEM CAWN. DATED THE 22D JULY 1751.

I have heard of your Courage in the Defence of Madura, which though against my own People I cannot but highly commend. Merit ought highly to be rewarded instead of which I hear you are to be divested of your Government and the French to take Possession of the Fort, This I think is but a bad Return for so much Bravery, You are a Soldier and your Sword may make your Fortune, if you will espouse the Cause of Mahomed Ally & assist his Affairs, I promise you shall have a Government under him which will afford you Wealth & a great Name & support you & your Family in Affluence.

What can I say more.

No. 98.

TO PRATAP SHING KING OF TANJORE. DATED JULY THE 23D 1751.

I have just receiv'd Advice that Chunda with his Allies intend to pass the Calderoon, 'tis said their Design is against Trichenopoly but according to all probability They think of Tanjour likewise. I would advise you therefore to exert yourself & join Mahomed Ally with all your Force wch will be a means to prevent anything happening to your Country You may depend on me as a Friend & Ally. Let me hear of your Health. What can I say more.

No. 99.

TO PRATAP SHING KING OF TANJOUR. DATED 26TH JULY 1751.

It has been told me that some of Chunda's People with their Allies have stopp'd & seiz'd some Provisions & Stores that were going to Trichenopoly, this is an Affront I cannot put up with, I have therefore sent some of my People to require of them Satisfaction for the same & desire you will assist my Officer who is the Bearer of this which I shall esteem as a Mark of your Friendship. Long life & Happiness attend you.

No. 100.

To Ramah. Dated 28th July 1751.

I have receiv'd your several Letters, be constant in writing me anything that happens & acquaint the King of Tanjour that if he joins Mahomed Ally, with his Troops we shall certainly defeat Chunda's Army. At the same time let him consider what he is to expect from Chunda, & the French who will certainly take his Country from him.

No. 101.

To Pratap Shing King of Tanjour. Dated the 28th July 1751.

I have heard that Chunda Sahib with his Army is passing the Calderoon River, 'tis impossible he can succeed against Trichenopoly; He will certainly you may be assur'd, attack you, don't give any Credit to what Promises he may make to the Contrary but with all your Forces join Mahomed Ally by which means we shall have certain Victory.

Let me hear of your Health.

No. 102.

From Nabob Anevirdy Cawn, Receiv'd the 29th July 1751.

It is impossible for me to express the undaunted Valour & Bravery of Mr. Gingin & the other Officers of the English Army for in all our Battles with the Enemy they have behav'd with Rustem like Resolution & Conduct and frustrated their Designs. I am therefore surpriz'd to find them retreat from their Posts, they have always defeated the Enemy whenever they engag'd them, First at Wolgonda and yet they retreated to Wootatore without being oblig'd to it by the Enemy, there again they gain'd a Victory and still retreated to Pickendy Covil on the Banks of the River Coladam, from which Place also they march'd, cross'd the River and arriv'd in the plains of Serangam and Zembocaseram within Gun Shot of Trichenopoly Fort, In my Opinion their future Proceedings will be worse than their past, for they intend to decamp from the said Plains and come close to the Fort which in such Case will be in great Danger, I cannot conceive the Reason of their retreating in this Manner, perhaps they will say my Troops won't fight as they ought to do. Let me inform You they were never expected to fight they were only to stay with yours for a Shew, But the Battle entirely depends upon your Army and wherever that is, my Troops will continue, It is your Men's Business to fight, for Instance I beg Leave to say that when the French wag'd War against Nausir Jung, They had not a Horseman with them, their whole Force was some Soldiers and Seapoys and with them they rais'd Disturbances. and defeated my Army of ten or twelve thousand Horse at Trivedy, they afterwards attack'd Nausir Jung who had fifty thousand Horse in the Plains of Gingey and kill'd him and in reality gain'd the whole Decan Country to themselves. Thus You see the Horsemen are of no Service in the present War if they had Nausir Jung the Prince of the Decan Country who had fifty thousand would never have been kill'd in the manner aforesaid, I must tell You that my whole Dependence is upon your Troops. I undertook the Government of the Decan Country by the Advice of the English and engag'd in the present Expedition by their Assistance. I and my Family remain in the Fort of Trichenopoly and it is talk'd all over Indostan, Decan and Bengal that I am protected and assisted by the English who for their own Honour should exert themselves to the utmost to support my Reputation, Tho it is improper for me to reflect upon the Behaviour of your Officers yet I cannot forbear writing freely to you, the Protector of my Affairs; I must desire you not to reveal this to your Officers but to send them proper Directions about the Destruction of the Enemy. With Respect to my Family write me what is proper to be done. Don't let the French, and Chunda seize me. I depend upon God and You. Do whatever may be condusive to your Honour and Reputation regarding my Affair.

What can I say more.

Upon a paper inclos'd.

The Officers of your Army are not agreeable to me They do just as they please. I advis'd them to stay in the Plains of Serangam & Zembocaseram which lie between the two Rivers within Gun Shot of Trichenopoly and are as strong as Forts but they did not hear me, on the contrary mov'd from the said Plains and came near the Fort this day being the 18th suffering the Enemy to take Possession of those Places as well as the Countries about, if the Enemy should fire from the said place the Shot will reach the Fort Gate. I thought it necessary to write you of the Situation of my Affairs. Direct your Officers to do what is best for me in future. The Countries under Trichenopoly are already possess'd by the Enemy and I am afraid the Fort will soon be in Danger. I find it hard to send Letters safe to You.

No. 103.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIV'D THE 29TH JULY 1751.

After Muzepher Jung was taken Prisoner by Nauser Jung I undertook the Government of the Carnateck by the Advice of the English and engag'd in an Expedition against Trivedy. At the Death of Nauser Jung, Muzepher Jung took upon him the Government of the Decan Country and many acknowledg'd him as such, but I depending upon the Assistance of the English follow'd their advice & lived in this Place with a firm Resolution, I lately sent my Troops to Wolgonda under the Command of my Brother agreeable to your Desire and You are very sensible of what pass'd at that Place. We had thought, of possessing ourselves of the Arcot Country but by a contrary Turn the Enemy are in possession of Tinnevelly, Medera & Trichenopoly Districts and on the point of besieging this Fort. The Attack is not yet begun, yet we are driven to a Necessity of expending the provisions lay'd in Store in the Fort which is not a good Sign for if the Enemy lay undisturb'd for some time on the other Side, Our Provisions will be all gone without any Fight and then it will go very hard with us, the Enemy on the contrary receive the Revenues of the Country and carry on their Affairs freely and uninterrupted. If a Disturbance could be rais'd in the Arcot Country towards Madrass it would in all likelihood confound the Enemy and break their Hearts, I hope therefore that you'll enter into that Resolution. I have hitherto borrow'd all the Money I could, and taken Courage to stay in the Fort with my Family by God's Help and yours, but now I find myself incapable to discharge the former Demands on me & defray the present Expences. You are my best Friends I therefore think it necessary to consult with You and request as follows.

Be pleas'd to borrow for my private Expences either of the Company or the Merchants two Lacks of Rups. & send me; With Respect to the Charges of the Army You'll supply me with one hundred and fifty thousand Rupees every Month and continue to send me the necessary Assistance that I may be enabled to make my Defence with a contented Heart, to defeat the Enemy & take Possession of the Carnateck for Security of the Payment of those Sums I am ready to mortgage whatever Countries you may desire either out of the Districts of Medera, Tinnevely, Trichenopoly or Arcot. If you don't like this proposal, I am ready to deliver up the Countries of Trichenopoly, Medera & Tinnevely entirely to the English provided they allow me two Lacks of Madrass Pagodas yearly for my own Expences, Defraying all the Charges of the Army themselves and I will bind myself and my Heirs to keep to this Agreement for ever if the English should chuse it; If this is approved of they shall be sole Masters of the said Countries to dispose of them as they think fit and I shall pass my Time any where else. Lastly if you don't accept this Proposal I desire you (my Protector as the French are Chunda's, my bitter Enemy) to negotiate with the French and conclude a Peace between me & Chunda Saib that each of us may remain in peaceable Possession of his respective Country, that is, I in Trichenopoly & its Dependencies and Chunda in Arcot. For the better explaining these Particulars I intended to send Hussan Mahomed Cawn to You, but on account of the Hostilities committed in the Road by the French from

Carical who stop & seize all Letters and provisions belonging to the English coming from Devicot, I did not think it safe to send him wherefore I have wrote this to You & desire You'll consider thoroughly upon my three several Proposals aforesaid & pitch upon whichever may be conducive to my Interest and so make an End of the Trouble. You have begun to assist me, carry it on in such a Manner that it may gain you a good Name and Reputation. Regard the Friendship between us and use your utmost Endeavours to give me Instances thereof. I have a just Right to the Government of the Carnateck according to the Phirmaunds from the Great Mogul, Gazedy Cawn & Nabob Javeed Cawn. Your Assistance to me will certainly gain you the good Pleasure of the Mogul & your King in Europe. Send me an answer to this Letter as soon as possible. Write to your Officers here to exert themselves in a better Manner. Let me hear constantly concerning your Health.

In the Nabob's own Hand.

Consider favourably upon my humble Requests aforesaid and send me an answer with all possible Speed. Please to raise as great a Disturbance as possible in Conjeveram &ca Countries.

No. 104.

FROM MANOZEE AT TANJOUR. RECEIV'D 3D AUGUST 1751.

The King was extreamly well pleas'd to receive your Letter; as the old Friendship between your Honour and us is daily increasing, The French & Chunda Saib (who don't like it) are threatening to ruin us, they say that we suffer your Men, Provisions & Stores to pass free through our Limits against their Orders and that they have sole power and Management from the River Kistnah to Ramaseram, blaming us for our Union with Nabob Aneverdy Cawn their Enemy & depending upon his Protection not regarding their Orders to send our Troops to join Chunda wherefore they are resolv'd to attack us as soon as they have taken Trichenopoly and in the interim are determin'd to ruin our Country as much as possible & to that End have detach'd between two & three thousand Men who are posted at Tervalore, Mannargody, Combaconum, Samamala &ca. places which has oblig'd the Inhabitants to quit their respective Places to the greatest Disadvantage of the Country. We are not in a condition to declare ourselves an open Enemy to them at this juncture and therefore sent out a few hundred Horse only for a Shew of Assistance to them and these are still in our Bounds, Your Honour is exerting yourself to the utmost to support Aneverdy Cawn's Interest, Though the Enemy are strong & Politick, yet your troops defeated them even at the Time of their Retreat from Wootatore. As the Fort of Trichenopoly is guarded by your Men, It will be impossible for the Enemy to take it, they will certainly be great Sufferers if they venture to attack it. We are confident that you will never forsake Aneverdy Cawn who has plac'd his Dependence in you, We are his Neighbour and his Success will be very agreeable to us, It is a great Consolation to us to find You so well inclin'd to support our Interest and We depend upon your Friendship. Continue your Friendship and Favour to his Majesty & take Notice of Affairs here by constant Letters & Message. As your Honour is ingenious, I need not urge much to you.

What can I say more.

No. 105.

TO NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. DATED 3D AUGUST 1751.

I have receiv'd your two Letters the Contents of which being of the utmost Consequence. I have taken some time to weigh the advantages and Disadvantages that may attend the Measures we may pursue.

I have taken all Opportunities to convince you of my sincere Friendship, Your good or ill Success affect me in the same Manner they do you and I desire you will think there is nothing in my power but what I will do to support you.

On the Death of Nazir Jung it was a great Pleasure to me to hear of your safety at Trichenopoly, on the first Letter I receiv'd from you I immediately sent Captain Cope with some Soldiers & Military Stores to your Assistance, this I did out of Regard to your Merit and to shew You the English are always faithful to their Friends.

After the Departure of Mustapha Jing Chunda Saib concerted Measures with the French & inlisted Troops, He march'd out of Pondicherry join'd by about three hundred of their Soldiers; I immediately sent out all the Troops I had leaving only old men to guard the Fort. They incamp'd at Trivenduporam where Affairs were settled with your Vakeel, You were to pay the Batta to such Troops as might be sent & I immediately wrote you to join us, in the meatime Chunda took Chetteput, his next Conquest was Auney & the Phousdar of Veloor seeing him thus successful accommodated Matters with him, from hence he march'd to Arcot & after some Stay he took the Rout for Trichenopoly, By this Time our Troops join'd yours according to Agreement at Wolgondah, an Attempt was made on the Fort, Chunda Saib and his Allies reliev'd it and our Army decamp'd that Night and posted themselves at Woollatore, they were here attack'd but the Enemy retreated with a considerable Loss, Our Forces evacuated this Post and encamp'd on the Banks of the Calderoon, afterwards pass'd that River and the Cavaree and are now under the Walls of Trichenopoly, Some Seapoys of the Enemy being in possession of Seringam the Rest of the Army on the other Side the Caleroon. I have enquir'd of the Officers the Reason for their leaving Woollatore and passing the River who say 'twas for Want of Provisions, The aforesaid is what is past and our present Situation, 'tis now to be consider'd what is to be done

You remark the French with their Troops only cut off Nausir Jung but you are sensible that Nausir Jung's Ministers betray'd him, his own People cut off his Head, They had no Europeans to fight against and only attack'd the Rear of the Camp whilst the Nabobs of Cudapah & Condanore committed the Murder, We have near a thousand Men now abroad, the French only six hundred, Chunda has eight thousand Horse, five thousand Seapoys and others; Your Force is very inconsiderable, The Kings of Tanjour & Mysore have fail'd in their Promise, had they join'd us You might now have been in Arcot.

You propose to me three things, the first to lend you two Lack & advance one and a half Lack every Month; I wish it was in my power but it is not, We have no more Money sent us than sufficient to load our Ships and pay our Expences.

As to treating with Chunda and the French, I will do it whenver you think there is occasion for it, but this is a Step we should not take till we are convinc'd We cannot succeed by any other Means.

The Friendship of the English You may always depend on to the utmost of their Power.

In Consequence of a Mortgage you sent me of the Tritchenopoly Country dated the 15th July 1750. I have wrote to Dupliex to tell him to withdraw his Troops as that Place belongs to the English and their Colours are there.

By these Hircars my Officers have orders to consult with You on all Occasions for the Safety of your Family.

I am inform'd Sumpetrow who was Duaan in your Family and by their Kindness acquir'd great Riches is at Madrass, if he has any Gratitude He will no doubt as your Occasions require assist You, I have wrote to the Governour there to consult with him and if anything can be done in the Arcot Country to join him, do you write to him.

Tis my Opinion that you should by fair Promises endeavour to gain to your Interest the Kings of Tanjour & Mysore and Aulem Cawn to whom I have wrote.

Some of your People tell me that if You will pay them 3000 Rupees, All the Patan Horse in Chunda's Army will come over to you, cannot you assign them some District for this purpose.

One Gopul Narranapah applied to me & says if you will agree to it he will find Men & raise Contributions in the Arcot Country for you. Yakamberaya another whom I will send tells me he can do the same in the Trichenopoly District.

I request you will discharge the People's Batta, gather as much Force as you can, and secure Provisions weigh your own Affairs well and send a person you can trust with whom I will consult, I have ordered the Officers to behave better. Long Life and Happiness attend you. Let me hear from You.

To Ditto.

Since I seal'd my Letter to you I have consider'd that we have a thousand Men in the Field and have wrote to Captain Gingin if he thinks himself strong enough to engage the Enemy, if not that he consult with you how many Men may be sufficient to defend Trichenopoly & that with the Rest join'd to your Horse he make a Diversion in the Arcot Country and raise Contributions for you the Manner how and where is to be settled with You if You approve it.

I send my Letter to Chunda Saib inclos'd in yours after your Perusual if you approve it let my Hircars carry it to Chunda Saib.

No. 106.

To Chunda Saib. Dated 3d August 1751.

This is to advise you that Trichenopoly and its Districts were mortgag'd to me last Year by Mahomed Ally Cawn, for a Sum of Money lent him. I am inform'd your Troops have taken Possession of some of the Country and are receiving the Rents and committing Hostilities. I cannot look on this as a Mark of your Friendship therefore desire you will immediately order them to desist.

What can I say more.

No. 107.

From the King of Tanjour. Receiv'd the 4th August 1751.

I receiv'd your Friendly Letter advising me that you have communicated the Friendship between us to your Officers directing them to assist me upon Occasion, I look upon you to be my sincere Friend on whom depends the Management of the Affairs of my Country in every Respect, I am perfectly easy about it, It is not to be doubted but that You'll be careful of them.

The Enemy are displeas'd with me for suffering your Men, Provisions and Stores to pass through my Limits on account of my Friendship to you against their Orders. They are also angry that I did not send immediate Assistance to them agreeable to their Request which I hope you are acquainted with by other Hands I depend on you as my true Friend in every Respect, concerning which Manozee has wrote You a Letter to which I refer you. Please to write me constantly concerning your Health, make no Distinction between us.

What can I say more.

No. 108.

From Nabob Aneverdy Cawn Receiv'd the 15th August 1751.

I lately wrote you a Letter & sent you Duplicate & Triplicate which I hope are come safe to your Hands, I am in Expectation to receive your Answer I have had the pleasure to receive a Letter from you wherein you are pleas'd to intimate that Affairs in this World are not always upon the same Footing so that I should by the help of God continue to be mindful of my own Affairs telling me at the same time that you have enter'd into a League of Friendship with me and will partake of my good or ill Fortune, that you are determin'd to be a sincere Friend and that your Troops here are superior to the French; I am very thankful to you for your

Friendship and Fidelity to me and it is impossible for me to express it herein to you, I can only wish that God may keep you safe. It is a thing well known to the World that I resolv'd to continue with my Family in this Country depending upon God's Mercy and your Assistance, otherwise I would not have done it. Your union with me is well known to the Indostan Emperor & to the Kings of the seven Kingdoms; I don't doubt but You'll be mindful of the Friendship between us according as you have wrote me.

I am very sensible that the English Troops and Stores far exceed those of the French. Though our Troops from Devicot were but a few, yet they were so resolute as to defeat about a thousand of the French from Carical, I return my Thanks to God for this Success and wish you Joy of it.

The Letters you wrote to the King of Tanjour and Aulem Cawn shall be sent them according to your Advice.

I have receiv'd the Account Expences of the English Troops, you desir'd me to send you a Bill of Exchange for it, I lately sent you a full Account of my present Circumstances, You are not ignorant of what has befallen me; For these two Years and upwards I have sustain'd great Losses and spent several Lacks and if my Affairs continue in the same Situation it will in the End be attended with sad Consequences. As You are my true Friend, I am confident that you are always concerting measures how to dispatch my Affairs to my Happiness. The Enemy are on the other Side of the River, the Circar's Army and the English Troops lye on this Side and the whole Country is in Possession of the Enemy, It is impossible to maintain the Army without receiving the Revenues of the Country, I am incapable at present and have therefore wrote you very fully touching my Affairs, I shall follow the good Advise you may give me. Please to advise me what may be most conducive to my Happiness and your good Name. I am impatient to receive a satisfactory Answer from you.

Write to me constantly concerning your Health & Welfare.

Pertapa Sing King of Tanjour has receiv'd Orders from the Mogul Emperor and Gazedy Cawn to assist in my Affairs, The said Pertapa Sing has sent his Vakeel to acquaint me with it and I think fit to let you know it.

No. 109.

FROM CHUNDA SAIB. RECEIV'D THE 20TH AUGUST 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letter advising me that Aneverdy Cawn has borrow'd a Sum of Money from you and mortgaged the Country and Fort of Trichenopoly for it desiring me therefore to order my People who had taken Possession of that Country contrary to the Friendship between us to desist, I look upon this as a Joke because the said Country & Fort never belong'd to Aneverdy Cawn, You are very sensible that this Province is the Property of the Great Mogul; Aneverdy Cawn has no Business to mortgage it, what you write on that head is nothing but your own Invention to support you in your present Proceedings, your Schemes and Hostilities are well known to the World & whatever you do is very unjust, I have the Moguls Orders to put an End to the Troubles & expel Aneverdy Cawn from the Fort of Trichenopoly, I shall likewise use my utmost Endeavours to punish those who reside in Forts contrary to the Mogul's Pleasure and settle the Tranquillity of the People; it is on your Account that the Troubles in this Country are not yet at an End, if Aneverdy Cawn owes you Money, You & He should talk about it, but it is very unreasonable that the Country should remain under your Power on account of that Debt, You and Aneverdy Cawn imagine that the Word Mortgage will hinder me from interposing which is owing to your own Folly, You say that the Country of Trichenopoly was made over to you last Year by Aneverdy Cawn which was never heard of by me, or any body else, When Nausir Jung was living, he knew nothing of it, This gives me great Surprise; Whatever Grants you requested were denied by Nausir Jung in the Months of February and March. As to the Friendship you mention I look upon it as a Joke by reason you are taking Possession of my Districts, whenever you find it convenient, and commit Hostilities, Your proceedings in Wolgonda & Verdachilum

are well known to the World notwithstanding I have not given you the least Offence in your old Districts ; You are possess'd of Poonamalee St. Thomé & Trivendupuram unjusly but I said nothing to it. If any body represents 'your Actions & mine to your Masters they will do us justice. If you have any further Business with me you need not write for the War & Hostilities will never cease 'till the present Disturbances are quell'd.

What can I say more.

No. 110.

To Nabob Anbverdy Cawn. Dated 23^D August 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letters ; Your Vakeel deliverd me the Seal which I shall always make use of as a Mark of your Regard & Friendship. As you Represent Antazee Punt as a Man that may be confided in, I have consulted him concerning your Affairs without reserve, as well as consider'd the purport of your several Letters.

In regard to the Proposal you make I must inform you neither Duplex or Chunda will ever come to any Agreement to your Advantage, they are resolv'd at all Events to ruin you as we are to support you and restore you to your Government, may God bless our Undertakings with Success. I am convinced you are well satisfied with my firm Attachment to your Interest and whenever I tell you it is not in my Power to do what You request You will immediately conclude it a Case of Necessity & that my Heart will ever be yours. I wish I could supply you with Money but I have it not, We are Merchants, a Sum of Money is sent us & such a Number of Ships must be sent home with Goods, if We fail in this We immediately are disgrac'd.

I have wrote to Duplex who I find firm to Chunda, and by a Letter from Chunda I perceive he will have the whole Government or none. It is a pleasure to me to hear from Captain Gingins that our Forces are in good Spirits and ready to engage Chunda when they are join'd by yours and those of Mysore ; I have wrote to the Kings of Mysore and Tanjour, the Letters come open to you because as I know you won't so neither will I do any thing without your knowledge. I have talk'd with some Poligars about receiving Rents for you, they agree to do it at their own Expence, I send them to you, I must tell you at the same time I am a Stranger to these People, You must make what Use of them You please, as I judge a Diversion in the Arcot Country may be serviceable to your Affairs I have sent a Party of Men with good Officers to Madrass to be reinforced with more, these are to raise Money for you but as I am not acquainted with the different Governments in this Country, send me Orders under your Seal to demand of the respective Governours what Money you judge proper, whatever is got is entirely for you, but in case of Hostilities the Plunder is to be half yours, the other half to the Officers and Men as Soldiers who venture their Lives ought to be rewarded. Sumpet Row has declin'd having anything to say to your Affairs, Write sharply to him. I have wrote to the Mogul concerning the Affairs of the Province, let me advise You to exert yourself, Consider the Sun after being overcast for many days with Clouds shines forth with new Lustre, I hope to see you happy in the Government of Arcot when you will with pleasure think on what is past. Let me hear constantly of your Welfare.

No. 111.

To Pratap Sing King of Tanjour Dated 23^D August 1751.

I congratulate your Majesty on the Honours lately receiv'd from Court, look upon this as an Omen of your future Happiness and continue firm to Mahomed Ally by which means your Enemies will soon be dispers'd, I am inform'd Dupliex is continually writing you threatning Letters, take no Notice of them, if you keep strict to your Alliance 'twill not be in his power to hurt you. Let me hear of your Health.

No. 112.

TO THE KING OF MYSORE DATED 23D AUGUST 1751.

The Distance of your Country from us gives me an opportunity of knowing you only by the great Name you bear, remarkable for your Valour & Justice to your People I am inform'd of your Intention to join Mahomed Ally which I look upon as a Mark of your prudence. I have likewise heard your Vakeel is at Pondicherry but as I am convinc'd of your Wisdom I am perswaded you won't suffer yourself to be deceiv'd, should our Enemies be successful they will then fall on your Country, I am ready to enter into any Engagements with You that may be for the Peace of the Country and Good of your People. Let me hear from You.

No. 113.

TO MAHOMED AHEMED SHAW, THE MOGUL EMPEROR. DATED 23RD AUGUST 1751.

It would be needless to acquaint your Majesty that the English have by your most gracious Favour been for many Years settled in this Country and agreeable to the Phirmaund granted us have carried on our Trade by which your Subjects have been greatly enrich'd and this Province became particularly remarkable for its Grandeur. In the Year 1746 a War commenc'd between us and the French when our Settlement of Madrass was taken, a Peace has since been concluded and We are again in Possession of it, We turn'd our Thoughts to Trade & had at Heart the Welfare of your People but have been disappointed in these our just Intentions by Chunda Saib and his Allies, who not contented with the Liberties granted them and unmindful of the Favour shewn them, made War upon your Governour Anaverdy Cawn & cut him off and since by their Treachery have compass'd the Death of Nausir Jung, possess'd themselves of his immense Treasures & intend to seize upon this whole Province to effect which a large Body of Troops are to be sent from Europe, a Fort is Building at Metchlepatam from whence its probable they will proceed to Golcondah and seize the rich Mines of Diamonds and afterwards advance to your the Capital of Delhi. We beg Leave to lay before your Majesty that mindful of the Favours shewn us and ready on all Occasions to testify our Gratitude We have enter'd into Alliance with the Circar and Support Mahomed Ally Cawn who was lawful Governour of the province at the Death of Nausir Jung and humbly request your Majesty will be pleas'd to write us in what Manner to act that We may be the better able to preserve your Esteem and beg Leave to assure you that we are ready in behalf of the King of England our Master to enter into any Alliance that may be conducive to the good of your People & Country. May God pour his Blessings on you, may your Life be long, your Reign Peaceable and Happiness your Lot.

No. 114.

FROM WORRIAR THE POLYGAR. RECEIV'D 28TH AUGUST 1751.

I sent my Agents to Chunda Saib and promis'd to pay him the usual Tribute but he did not agree to it, on the contrary he was displeas'd with my Agents and sent Horsemen, Seapoys &c close to the Edge of my Bounds ordering them at the same time to plunder my Country. We fought two Battles but Chunda's Troops are still here. Sometime ago I sent my Vakeel to you with a Letter & acquainted You of the Disagreement between me & Chunda Saib & you was pleas'd to send me a very comfortable Answer by the same Vakeel which gave me great joy. As there has been perfect Friendship between us from a long time, I hope you'll give me all necessary Assistance, as Chunda Saib is now acting against me I am in great Want of Men. I send you a Present of Cloth by Vencataramaya & hope you'll accept it. As you are a Gentleman endow'd with Wisdom I need not urge much to You. For other Matters I refer you to the verbal Account of the said Vencataramaya and desire your Compliance with it. Let our Friendship be increas'd. Continue to write me of your Health & of what I can be of Service to you in these Parts.

What can I say more.

No. 115.

FROM THE KING OF TANJOUR RECEIV'D THE 28TH AUGUST 1751.

I was extremely glad to receive your three Letters in which you was pleas'd to desire me to assist your Troops that were sent to attack the Enemy's Party which intercept the Provisions going to Camp; The Enemy on their part have desir'd me to put a Stop & seize upon your Provisions & men who pass through my Country but I did not comply with it, on this they sent some of their People to me, I pretended Friendship to them & made it appear to the World as if I was helping them but in reality I gave my Assistance to your People and got them & their Provisions safe to Camp but the Enemy's Troops were defeated. The Commanding Officer of your Troops has been with Monozee & discour'd with him, I suppose he has wrote the same to you. When the Enemy's People wrote this to their Masters they were very angry with me but I did not mind them on account of your Friendship. You are of Opinion that the Enemy will endeavour to take away my Country and advise me therefore to take proper Measures, I must inform you that there has been a constant Disagreement between me & them (meaning Chunda & his Allies) so that I cannot place my Confidence in them, I am preparing as well as I can for my own Defence but my chief Dependence is upon you as well as Aneverdy Cawn and we both have hopes of Success by your Assistance, You are inclin'd to procure Happiness to the publick and I wish that God may grant your Desire.

I have had the Honour to receive the Mogul's Phirmaund together with Gazedey Cawn, Balazee Punt &ca Officers Letters which I receiv'd with great Respect going out to meet them with my whole Army, His Majesty was pleas'd to mention in the Phirmaund that he has conferr'd the Government to the Southward, meaning the Decan Country, on Gazedey Cawn whom I must obey and make myself happy, This indeed affords a plain Prospect of Success in your present Undertakings which is to preserve the Peace of the Country.

You are pleas'd to say that the Officers in the English Army have your Orders to assist me upon Occasion. I am confident that you are fully bent to preserve my Country and that of Aneverdy Cawn, My whole Dependence is upon you and there is no Manner of Occasion for me to be under any Apprehensions.

What can I say more.

No. 116.

TO THE KING OF TANJOUR DATED 29TH AUGUST 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letter wherein you say that your Fear of the Enemy makes you submit to them, you mention your having receiv'd a Phirmaund from Gazedey Cawn, Mahomed Ally has also got one from the Mogul which I suppose you have been advis'd of from Gazedey Cawn, You should therefore assist him, I must repeat what I before wrote you that if Chunda proves successful he will fall on your Country therefore I advise you to join Mahomed Ally immediately. Let me hear of your Health.

No. 117.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN RECEIVED THE 29TH AUGUST 1751.

I was glad to know by your Letter that three thousand Horsemen intend to come away from the Enemy's Camp & take Service at your Place & that they have sent their Vakeel upon that Business Gopal Narain's Braminy came to me and gave me a full Account of it. I thereupon draw out a Cowl for the Jamadars of the said Horsemen & sent it inclos'd in Antazee Punt's Letter, who will explain it to You. As it is very proper to accomplish this Business immediately I desire you'll forward the Cowle to the Horsemen & send for them to Fort St. David and when they arrive

please to appoint Antazee Punt & Gatakey Commanders & order them to march joint with your Troops to make Diversions in the Arcot Country, Send Chekerapa Polygar of Watavelam & Canakaraya's Brother Polygar of Teatgody now in your Place along with them who are sufficient to do our Business in Arcot &ca & take Possession of the several Districts. I hope you'll despatch this Business according as Antazee Punt shall propose to you you are very mindful of my Affairs so I need not urge much to you, Do what is most proper. The Rajah of Serangapatam has detach'd five or six thousand Horse & the same Number of Peons to my Assistance under the Command of Veerana who will join me in a Week, then we shall be able to punish the Enemy.

What can I say more.

No. 118.

To Nabob Aneverdy Cawn. Dated 3d September 1751.

This is just to let you know our Troops are in Possession of Arcot, I suppose this will draw Chunda's Forces this Way, I have wrote to Captain Gingin to consult with you, and if his Presence is not necessary to come with his Forces this Way. I wish your Affairs Success.

No. 119.

To the Phousdar of Veloor. Dated 3d September 1751.

I have a long time with Grief beheld the deplorable State of this Country in obedience to the Mogul and agreeable to an Alliance with the Circar. I shall endeavour to contribute to the Happiness of the People and if Chunda Saib had been of this Disposition, Peace would have flourish'd through the whole Province. I look upon you as my Friend and my Orders to my Officers are not to molest you, I shall be glad to cement this Friendship by your Troops joining us; Mahomed Ally writes me he has receiv'd Phirmaunds for the Province from the Mogul.

No. 120.

To the King of Mysore. Dated 5th September 1751.

I have already wrote you a Letter, since which I have heard of your Attachment to Mahomed Ally which I look upon as a Mark of your Wisdom & Justice, He was Nabob of this Province at the Death of Nazar Jung & has since receiv'd Phirmaunds from the Mogul of which he has sent me Copies. In Consequence thereof as I have the greatest Regard for the Esteem of that Great Monarch I shall continue to assist him to the utmost of my Power, do you the same & join him as soon as possible let me hear of your Health.

No. 121.

From Nabob Aneverdy Cawn. Receiv'd the 6th September 1751.

I was extremely well pleas'd to find by your Letter that you have receiv'd the large Seal & Sealing Ink Bottle by Antazee Punt with whom you have consulted about my Affairs You are pleas'd to mention that you have detach'd the English Troops under the Command of able Officers to Madrass with an Order to make Diversions in the Arcot Country & take Possession of the several Districts which is certainly very beneficial to our Affairs. I have agreeable to your Desire wrote a Letter to Sumpetrow and advis'd him to send Walley Mahomed Cawn, Mahomed Navaz or somebody else along with your Troops & to write to Bommaraz &ca Poligars & send for their Forces & then take Possession of the Districts, if he minds what I write, 'tis well, if not order the Officers of your Army to manage this Affair themselves and I will send a proper Person from hence if you think fit, please to order Gatakey to undertake the Management; As soon as our Troops have begun Incursions in the Arcot Country it will hinder the Enemy from receiving the Revenues which will weaken them greatly and

they cannot divide their Troops, in case they march with their whole Army towards Arcot my Troops shall pursue them jointly with yours & those of Mysore & Tanjore. I must acquaint you that the Mysore army, consisting of 5000 Horse 10000 Peons & 1000 Wallpiece Bearers under the Command of Veeraraz & Venketara is arriv'd within 30 Coasses of Terchenopoly; if it happens that the Enemy retreat and our Troops pursue them I shall then be able to collect Money from different Parts which will be a Means to gain our Ends. You are pleas'd to say that, whatever may be collected peaceably in Arcot Bounds shall be entirely my own, but if anything is got by Hostilities, a half shall be mine and the other half given to your Men and Officers, I willingly agree to it, Please to write to Bommaraz &ca Pollygars and get their Troops to join your Army. It is not proper at present to trouble the Polygars about Money, the best Way is to seize upon as many Districts as you can in the Arcot Country and if there are any Incomes to be got pay the Inhabitants their due Share in it & take what belongs to the Circar this will certainly induce the Polygars & Inhabitants to come & be agreeable to us and make the Country fruitful. As Arcot is now quite clear of the Enemy's Troops, You'll be pleas'd to order your Army to march directly to that Place. I find that you are firmly inclin'd to place me in the Government of Arcot, I wish that God may soon grant your Desire, that you may gain a good Name & Reputation in this World as well as the good Pleasure of the Mogul & your King in England. Please to help me with as much Money as you can which will be the greatest Assistance to me at this juncture. I receiv'd your Letters open to the King of Tanjour & the Dalavoy of Sarangapatam & finding the Contents very proper clos'd them with Gum as usual & forwarded them in Bags. I want to see the Current Money of the English coin'd in Europe, please to send me a Piece of every Sort. Continue to write to me.

In Aneverdy Cawn's own Hand.

You are addicted to my Interest and I wish that God may make you happy. Continue to write to your Officers to act with better Care. You'll in no ways neglect to disturb the Arcot Country & take Possession of the several Districts. This may probably draw the Enemy's Troops from this Country. Help me with as much Money as You can for my Expences.

No. 122.

To CHUNDA SAIB DATED 8TH SEPTEMBER 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letter which does not seem to be wrote in that fine stile so peculiar to the Musselmen, You as well as I know that Mahomed Ally was Nabob of this Province at the Death of Nauser Jung who was treacherously murder'd, an Action so villainous that I am persuaded the Mogul will punish the Authors of it, He has since receiv'd a Phirmaund from the Mogul confirming him in his Government & Letters from Gazadey Cawn who has been appointed to the Decan Country ordering him to take Care of the Province, in Consequence of which & my Obedience to the Mogul I shall continue to support them to the utmost: My Intention herein is the Peace and Good of the Country, as to the Jageers granted to the English I shall keep them & oppose any that shall think fit to molest me. If you are an honest man and are in obedience to the Mogul desist from molesting Mahomed Ally & let him enjoy the Districts of Trichenopoly and I shall not molest you in Arcot, By this Means, the people will be happy, the Ground till'd, Merchandeze flourish and the Emperor receive his Revenues; I have by my own Vakeel wrote to the Mogul that I am supporting his Interest & shall I doubt not receive a very gracious Answer.

No. 123.

To NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN DATED 12TH SEPTEMBER 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letters & deliver'd your several Perwanas to Antajee Punt who will write you of the several Steps taken in regard to your Affairs. I heartily wish the King of Mysore's People had join'd you, he seems to me to be very

cautious. I suppose my Letters will have reach'd you advising of our People assisting yours and taking Possession of Arcot; This may prove of great Advantage if you make a proper use of it, You must consider that though they may be strong enough to keep that Place, yet they will never be able to collect the Revenues for you of the several Pollygars without some of your Forces join them, the Enemy have Horse We none therefore when they are beat We cannot pursue them, Tis thought this will not divert Chunda Saib from his Enterprise on Trichenopoly, there is no time to lose, exert yourself, engage Chunda if possible & send some Horse to Arcot. Let me hear from you constantly. I send you a Letter from Sumpetrow, He is very cool in your Affairs. I have wrote to Captain Cope concerning the Firelocks you mention.

No. 124.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN RECEIV'D THE 14TH SEPTEMBER 1751.

It was a great Pleasure to me to hear that by your Assistance & Favour, The Fort of Arcot was taken & the Circars Standard fix'd there, I return'd my Thanks to the Almighty on that Account and wish that he may grant you & me and all our Friends Joy upon the Occasion. It is highly necessary for us to take Care of this place, it hath pleas'd you to fortify the Fort at Verdachilum I cannot omit writing to you that Arcot is the Metropolis of the Carnateck Country so that the Fort will be of better use to us than Verdachilum, I must repeat that you'll take Care to make it strong by demolishing all the Buildings which may be destructive to it. I herewith send my Letters to Gulam. Murtáza Cawn &ca Killedars & also to Bommaraz & the other Polygars in the Arcot Country directing them to join and assist your Officers, You may forward them to such Persons as you think fit. The Mysore Troops are arriv'd near Caroor, our Armies will soon join them & then we shall all proceed to act against the Enemy & punish them. By the Blessing of God, the present Success will procure You a great Name in the Decan & Indostan Countries as also in Europe. Courage is the best Thing, I need not urge much to you on that Head as I am very sensible of your Attachment to my Affairs. Antazee Punt is prodigiously thankful to you & continually writes to me of it. I am vastly pleas'd with your Kindness and think myself under a very great Obligation to you.

In Aneverdy Cawn's own Hand.

By your Assistance I have obtain'd my Desire & return my thanks to God for it, I have wrote to Sumpetrow and desire you'll do the same & regulate the Affairs of the Country as soon as possible. Please to order Antazee Punt &ca to make Diversions in the several Districts near your Place. I shall send an Answer to your Letter by & by. I must acquaint you that the Enemy is still on the other Side of the two Rivers, It is talk'd they intend to send a Part of their Forces to Arcot.

No. 125.

TO NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN DATED 15TH SEPTEMBER 1751.

I have receiv'd your several Letters, Gopul Narrain with the Poligars have been here, Antazee Punt has the Management intirely of these Affairs & I shall contribute as much as possible to the forwarding them. Could I assist you with Money I would do it willingly but I have it not and as I would not upon any Account deceive you I must desire You will not in the least depend on it. Our Troops are now abroad assisting your People in the Arcot Country and I hope they will be successful, you will receive with this Letters from the King of Mysore & other Amuldars, I have wrote to Captains Cope & Gingin as you desir'd. I am greatly in hopes your Affairs will take a more favourable Turn. Let me hear constantly from you.

No. 126.

FROM ABRAHAM ALLY CAWN TO THE NORTHWARD RECEIV'D THE 17TH SEPTEMBER 1751.

I write this to acquaint you that Mr. John Andrews Chief at Ganjam has left that Place and gone to Vizagapatam whence he has wrote several Letters acquainting me that if I would make the Abatement he desires in the annual Rent and grant him Cowels for two villages under the Country of Terestan at a favourable Rate for him to erect a Petta he was willing to return freely to Ganjam, Let me take the Liberty to inform you that during his Stay at Ganjam I gave my Letters to such Persons as he desir'd in order to recover his outstanding Debts, allow'd him time for the payment of one years Rent still due from him to the Circar & in short granted whatever he requested, notwithstanding he now raises groundless Disputes at Vizagapatam. The annual Rent payable to the Circar by the Company at Ganjam was stipulated on their first settling there, it is therefore not an easy matter to make an Abatement in it, With Respect to the Petta which Mr. Andrews is desirous to set up in the two Villages, if I was to grant my Permission it must entirely ruin the Trade at Ganjam, the Circars Seaport, their Rents amount to a high Sum so that I cannot make an Abatement. I must tell you that Mr. Andrews by his bad Conduct & Mismanagement spoil'd the Company's Trade at Ganjam. If you had employed an Indian in his Room, Affairs would have been manag'd better & the Company's Money sav'd. Mr. Andrews us'd some Persons very ill and extorted Money from them contrary to the Custom of Merchants but I said Nothing about it. It is well known that when Merchants have large Dealings they can't expect their Accounts to be quite clear'd at once, but it takes up a year or two sometimes, however I did not neglect to assist in Mr. Andrews Concerns, if he had lent Money to People why did not he recover it in the time of the late Governour is there any Reason to blame me on that Account; I think it my Interest to assist in the Affairs of your Factory & shall never neglect it. I hope you'll send an express to him, for my part I am willing to comply with whatever you may think fit to write, but I must tell you plainly that I cannot permit Mr. Andrews to set up a Petta, which is very unreasonable nor can I give him the two Villages which are rented by me, Out of my Friendship to the Company I can oblige them so far as to forgive one Quarter Part of the annual Rent usually paid by them to the Circar, If Mr. Andrews has any Money due from the Merchants, let him demand it like a Merchant, I shall never impede him; If he does not know how to manage Mercantile Affairs, it is not my fault, however I repeat that I am willing to comply with whatever you may think fit to write about the Affair.

In regard to your Friendship I shall take no Notice of what is past, I gave Mr. Andrews all the Assistance I could but he is not an honest Merchant, I never advis'd him to lend his Money to miserable Wretches, Since it is so he has no Reason to blame me, We are not to reflect upon what is pass'd, now he ought to endeavour to recover his Money by Degrees, He has sent for the Company's Effects in the Factory at Ganjam but I did not permit him to carry them away but await an answer from you. If you don't chuse to send another Chief, write to Mr. Andrews in the strongest Terms possible, as for my part I am willing to comply with whatever you may think fit. It is not my Business to deal unfairly with Inferiours, on the contrary I make it my Study to assist every one purely to gain a good Name. I am now your Neighbour, If I can be of any Service to you write to me freely and I shall dispatch it with Pleasure, make no Distinction between us.

What can I say more.

No. 127.

FROM MURTAZALY CAWN PHOUSDAR OF VELOOR. RECEIV'D THE 18TH SEPTEMBER 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letter & observe the Contents, Let me inform you that the Friendship between my Forefathers and the Governours of Madrass & Fort St. David is of a long Standing & when the French attack'd Madrass, I in regard to

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that old Friendship sent a strong Force to the Assistance of the Town agreeable to Mr. Morse's Desire, but an Hour before they arriv'd the Fort was taken by the French and their Colours hoisted on it, on this my Troops returned to Veloor. This is as well known to the World as the Sum in the Firmament but if you doubt the Truth of it please to enquire of the Inhabitants of Madrass and they will inform you. My Friendship with Aneverdy Cawn is upon a firm Footing & there is perfect Unity between us. When Muzepher Jung & Aneverdy Cawn Senior were at War, most of Aneverdy Cawn's Relations came for Shelter into my Fort and I gave them Protection and behavd as a Friend to them. This is likewise well known to the World and I suppose it has reach'd your Ears, at that time Muzepher Jung demanded of me to deliver up the said Aneverdy Cawn's Relations to him but I refus'd to do it and said that it was not the Custom of Mussulmen to deliver up such Persons as put themselves under their Protection & added that as the said Relations were come into my Fort which the Property of the great Mogul and exceeds all Forts belonging to others, it was not reasonable for me to comply with his Request, whereupon Muzepher Jung was highly displeas'd with me, I cannot omit writing to you that I became a great Sufferer on account of my Friendship to Aneverdy Cawn. In those Days Muzepher Jung had about 20000 Horse besides French Soldiers & Seapoys under the Command of the second Subidar, notwithstanding I prepar'd myself to hold out in case of an Attack but when they saw that my Fort was very strong they march'd towards Tanjour, You observe that I endeavour in every respect to increas the Friendship between me & Aneverdy Cawn, it is my desire that he may be happy & successful. Make no Distinction between me & you, but look upon my Troops in the same Light as your own, By the Blessing of God I shall not fail to give you all the friendly Instances in my Power.

What can I say more.

No. 128.

To Nabob Anaverdy Cawn Dated 20th September 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letters, the several Perwanas have been given as you directed, as I am convinc'd of your being sensible of my Friendship to you. I will represent the State of your Affairs to you in a true Light, 'tis the Opinion of every body that if you make a proper use of the Opportunities that now offer that you will be successful, if not that you can never again expect so favourable a Turn, if this should be the case you must not blame me who have done my utmost, 'tis now a long time since the Mysore People were to join us, they are not yet come, our Troops have been at Arcot but have not yet received any Assistance from you either in Men or Money to defray the Expences, Captain Gingin & Cope write me they are greatly distress'd for Batta and their Application to you is in vain, I desire You will consider and redress all these Things or your Affairs will suffer and it won't be in my Power to help it, Nothing can be done at Arcot without Horse & Money; Sumpetrow does not exert himself, The Tetargoody Vakeel has been with me and promises to support your Cause in that Country; I told them I should write You, and desire you will regulate this Affair as may most suit your Interest, I have directed Capt[s] Gingins & Cope to do what may most conduce to your Happiness. Let me hear of your Health. If Chunda should find his Design on Trichenopoly prove unsuccessful, He may possibly go against Tanjour, in such Case. You must assist the King.

No. 129.

From Nabob Aneverdy Cawn Receivd the 24th September 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letter and observe the Contents; You are pleas'd to say that Gopul Narain &ca Amuldars & Polygars have been with you & that Antazee Punt has the Management of their Affairs in order to regulate Bonagary &ca Countries promising to contribute to it as much as possible. I must tell You that Antazee Punt, the Amuldars, myself and all those who belong to me are entirely under your

Direction and will act as you think fit to advise us. Your Letter to the Enemy was wrote in a proper Manner & is sent to him by Mr. Gingin, as soon as we receive his Answer it shall be forwarded to You. The Letters you sent open in the Names of Serangapatam Delavoy, the King of Tanjour &ca were despatch'd immediately and I hope will produce Good to our Cause. You was of Opinion that the taking of Arcot will oblige the Enemy to return from this Country and therefore advis'd Mr. Gingins if his Presence was not necessary to march that Way but I must inform you that on receipt of the Arcot News, The Enemy detach'd an Army of two thousand Horse which is to lay in the Plains of Ternamel till his Son goes to Pondicherry and joins them with a Reinforcement and Stores of War to proceed towards Arcot. I am very sensible that the French have no more Force to spare. The Enemy is determin'd to cross Coladam River & join the French who have already pass'd it and fix'd their Camp at Jambocaseram. It is therefore not adviseable to send away Mr. Gingin &ca from hence before the Enemy moved, You'll please to write to him not to think of going but to stay here & act according to my Advice; You'll also write to Mr. Clive & Mahomed Hamed to fortify the Forts of Arcot &ca which they have taken in an extraordinary Manner & endeavour to get in Provisions &ca from the City & other Places; Let them enlist People & pay them out of the Revenues of the Country & if there is any Overplus send it me, Please to inlist in like Manner at Madrass &ca Fort St. David Which Step will greatly forward the Service, I have wrote to Sumpetrow desiring him to appoint a proper Person to regulate the Affairs of the several Districts & collect the Revenues; I hope You'll also write to him on that Head. As soon as the Serangapatam Troops join me, I shall detach a Body of Horse towards Arcot, which by the Blessing of God will be very soon. Murarey Rao is expected to join me in a short time. It is highly necessary to send a Reinforcement to Arcot from Madrass & Fort St. David. I send you an urgent Letter to the Nabob of Bengal in answer to that I receiv'd from him lately, Please to forward it by Sea as soon as possible and write to the English Governour there to procure an Answer & send it me speedily. Continue to write to me of your Health & the Occurences of your Parts.

P.S. The Serangapatam King out of his Friendship to me has supply'd me with eighty thousand Rupees for my Charges & sent his Force to assist me which is expected to arrive very soon, all this is owing to your Friendship of which I have wrote very fully to Antazee who will communicate it to You.

What can I say more.

No. 130.

To THE WORRIAR OF WORRIARPOLLAM DATED 26TH SEPTEMBER 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letter & discours'd with your Vakeel concerning your Affairs, I must inform you Mahome Ally has sent me Copy of a Phirmaund he has receiv'd from the Mogul for the Carnateck Country, I now send You a Letter from him. I am in alliance with the Circar & shall be glad to assist You whenever You are oppress'd by the Enemies of the Circar and advise you to exert yourself. Let me hear from you and depend on my Friendship.

P.S. I have receiv'd the Present You sent me by Vencataramaya, on my part I now send You a present of Broad Cloth &ca which I hope You will receive.

No 131.

To TEETARAPA MOODALY OF TINNEVELY DATED 28TH SEPTEMBER 1751.

Your Vakeels Yacumbrum, Wydalinga Pilla & Venketa Charey have been with me and acquainted me with your good Inclinations toward Mahomed Ally who has sent me Copy of the Mogul's Phirmaund for the Carnateck Country with a Letter from Gazedy Cawn; I am in alliance with the Circar & shall be glad to promote

the Peace and happiness of the Province I am pleas'd to see your Intentions are such & have wrote it to Mahomed Ally, You may be assur'd of my Friendship, Let me hear of your Health.

No. 132.

From Murtazally Cawn of Velloor Receiv'd the 4th October 1751.

I sent my Vakeel to acquaint your Officer in Arcot Fort of my Intention to send a Force to his Assistance, His Answer was that he had no Occasion for it & that my Troops would be of no Service to him.

What can I say more.

No. 133.

From Nabob Anwerdy Cawn. Receiv'd the 5th October 1751.

I lately wrote you several Letters & gave you an account of Affairs here, Now I must inform you that the English Party in Covilady behav'd very boldly & fought the Enemy's Troops under the Command of the second Subidar (who besig'd the said Place) for 4 or 5 Days & defeated them to the Distance of one Coass, If our people had continued the Fight two days longer the Enemy's Troops would in all probability have been disappointed in their Designs but it happened the English Officers thought it proper to recall their Forces from Covilady, on this the Enemy took Possession of that Place and the River Cavarey being not deep at that time they cross'd over from Covilady with the whole Army and arriv'd in the Plains of Chircorepalem one Coass Distance from the Fort where they are endeavouring to raise Batteries against it. My Stay in this Province was entirely owing to your friendly Assistance, now you see the Enemy have beseig'd the Fort, let me know what you propose for my good, I am troubled with two several Apprehensions first in regard to the Place & then about my Family who ought to be taken care of, this indeed is a Matter that concern me more than anything else, I have no other Helpers in this province except God (who succours those that are distress'd) and You, I hope therefore that You'll soon write me what is most conducive to my Happiness that I may act accordingly.

I observe what you write concerning an Army to be sent to Arcot, You see the present Situation of Affairs here, notwithstanding I am determin'd to send me under the Command of a certain Person and by the help of God it shall be done.

Mr. Gingin & are desirous to come with their Troops into the Fort, if they do so, my Horsemen & Seapoys will do the same in which case the Enemy will grow saucy to my Prejudice, I hope therefore that you'll write to them to stay without the Fort and exert themselves for the Enemy's Destruction ; I am in hopes to receive the Assistance of a Force and Money from the King of Mysore *who has hitherto sent* me about eighty thousand Rupees, the Troops he sent to my Assistance are arriv'd at Caroor. I am in Expectation to receive a Supply of a further Sum from the said King & shall see how he will deal with me in that Respect.

I spoke to Messrs. Gingin & Cope concerning their Batta & told them I have *hitherto paid it them in ready Money* & in order to enable myself to do so, have borrow'd all I could and sold my Joys &ca that now I am unable to pay them in Specie & have therefore got Provisions ready as Rice, Doll, Ghee, Wood &ca promising to supply them plentifully with these Things, I also promis'd to give them Money for the Rest as soon as I receive it. Thus I explain'd myself & desir'd *them to receive Provisions till Money could be got* and be content and act in Conjunction with me against the Enemy, but if their Resolution was to desert me if the Batta was not paid in Specie according to their Desire I told them they had better leave me before a Fight begins that I may submit my Case to God's Will, I told them further that they should not molest me in time of Action on account of the Money & so desert & deceive me *on that pretence. This is what I told the Officers,*

I desire you'll let me know what Measures are proper in this Case & write to Mr. Gingin &ca Officers in the strongest Terms, I offer myself entirely to your Discretion & desire you'll do whatever may conduce to the Safety of my Family & my Happiness, in which Case you'll certainly gain a good Name and Reputation. I shall be agreeable to you in every Respect. It is very difficult for Letters to go safe at present, I desire you therefore to look upon this as a thousand Letters and consult a Method for my Happiness as soon as possible.

What can I say more.

No. 134.

FROM TONDAMAN RECEIV'D THE 5TH OCTOBER 1751.

It was inexpressible joy & Satisfaction to me to know by your Letter that the Government of this Country is conferr'd on Nabob Aneverdy Cawn by the Great Mogul. I am Servant to the said Nabob & shall obey him with all my pleasure whenever he may command me on any urgent Affair of the Circar. As you are sincerely inclin'd to assist and act in Conjunction with the Nabob, there is no doubt of Success. Continue to write to me of your Health.

What can I say more.

No. 135.

TO NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN DATED 6TH OCTOBER 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letter and observe the Contents; It is with Concern I see that the King of Tanjour will not act in Conjunction with you & that the Mysore Troops after so many Letters you have wrote me of their Friendship should refuse to join you. According to what You, Captain Gingins, and Captain Cope wrote me to make a Diversion in the Arcot Country I join'd my Troops with those you appointed, Arcot was yours and its Dependences under the Direction of your Amuldars, this was done on your Promise of sending a Body of Horse to support them, had you fulfill'd your Promise everything would have answer'd your Expectations, but you have not sent one and we now see Chunda's in their Room, our People being but able to keep the Fort, in this You have greatly deceiv'd yourself and me.

You desire to know what is to be done at Trichenopoly; the French and Chunda design to beseige it and We must defend it, I have therefore wrote to Capts Gingins & Cope to consider with you the Provisions that are in the Place and the Men necessary for its Defence, after which what may not be wanting to join with your Horse & send to act in the Arcot Country. This must be immediately concluded, In regard to your Family, if you think it safer for them to be any where else, Captain Gingins has orders to take them under protection. I have given particular Orders to Captain Gingin to do everything for your Service & not to give you any Uneasiness; If you chuse it Captain Cope will have the Command, be assur'd I am sincerely your Friend & will assist you to the utmost.

No. 136.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN. RECEIV'D 12TH OCTOBER 1751.

This day being the 7th. Mr. Gingin apply'd to me for Leave & told me that your Honour had sent for him but I answered that I supposd you sent for him to the Assistance of Arcot and that my Troops were ready for it and added that the long expected Army of Mysore is arriv'd & has already drove away the Enemy's Guards from Moserey, Tolem, Yalore, &c. Districts of Terchenopoly Country and will undoubtedly join us for which Reason I desir'd him to continue with me till I receive

your answer to this Letter agreeable to which he may act, at length I prevail'd upon him with many Intreaties to comply with my Request. Let me take the Liberty to inform you that it is by God's Help and your Assistance I have hitherto continued in this troublesome Country, You have assisted me to the utmost of your Power for which I am prodigiously thankful to you, but it is needless to write more on that head, I shall only say that I lie under a great Obligation to you, the King of Mysore knowing your firm Resolution to assist me sent his Troops with an order to join me, These will certainly come very soon and we cannot doubt of the Truth of it. The said King has settled Matters with Morarey and desir'd him to come to my Assistance and paid him a considerable Sum of Money already on that Account with a promise of more. A Report is spread every where of Morarey's March and he has wrote me several Letters and acquainted me that he will soon join me and I am apt to think that he is arriv'd near Arcot by this time, if not, he will soon be there; if the King of Mysore was not determined to assist me, he would not have sent his Army or given Money to Morarey, You see that he has sent me also a Supply for my Expences, oppos'd the Enemy's Guards' & drove them away as above, All which is owing to your Friendship & Assistance. The Mysore Troops & Morarey's Army are now near us and are expected to arrive shortly, While Affairs are in this Situation, if Mr. Gingin goes away, People will certainly think that the English have quetted their Assistance to me, every one knows that Mr. Cope has orders to command in the Fort and Mr. Gingin to engage the Enemy in the Field, and if he goes away the Mysore Troops and Morarey will think that we have laid aside all thoughts of opposing the Enemy in the Field & will then refuse to join me and perhaps go over to the Enemy, in which Case it will be difficult for me to save my Life and Family. The Intent of your sending for Mr. Gingin was to act at Arcot, let me inform you that there are some of my Troops in Catalah, You may therefore order Mr. Gingin and Mr. Cope to continue in this Place and send a part of your Troops to join my Horsemen at that Place and proceed from thence to Arcot by the Way of Carore and Salem but if your intention is to quit your Assistance to me, you know very well that it is impossible for me to hold out, in which Case, I must desire you to befriend me so far as to write and negotiate with the French &ca and make it up between me and them, that I & my Family may go away unmolested to some Place of Security, I leave these Affairs entirely to you & you may do whatever may be conducive to my Advantage, I am entirely under your Direction, please to send an Answer to this Letter as soon as possible. I depend upon you, You was pleas'd to undertake my Affairs with a firm Resolution and I hope you'll finish them in such a Manner that it may gain you a good Name & Reputation. The Mysore King has promis'd to send me a considerable Sum of Money in a short time, as soon as I receive it I shall be able to discharge the Ballanee of Batta to your Troops, 'till then I shall pay them as much as I can. This day I receiv'd a favourable Letter from Nausir Jung's Brother in confirmation of the Government of the Arcot and Trichenopoly Countries of which I shall send you a Copy by & by, The Enemy is very weak at present, his Army lies encamp'd at Chercarpalem to the Eastward within one Coass of the Fort but they are not in a Condition to fight us, None of their People can come or move towards the three other Sides, South, West & North, now if one ventures to sally out upon them, the whole of their Camp may be plunder'd but we must wait for time.

What can I say more.

No. 137.

To Muddamiah, Phousdar of Chellumbrum. Dated 15th October 1751.

I am inform'd Chunda Saib is resolv'd to turn you out of your Government, if 10 Soldiers and a Gun, will be of any service to you, I will send them, in case you approve it write me immediately, I do this as I am in alliance with the Circar & Anaverdy Cawn.

No. 138.

To the King of Tanjore. Dated 16th October 1751.

I have heard that certain People have lately made you great Offers of Friendship, I have heard of a Snake that charms the Birds into his Mouth and then devours them, I hope this won't be your Case but out of Regard to the Friendship I have for you I must tell you my opinion is that if the Enemy should prove successful both yours and the King of Mysore's Country will be ruin'd. I can only add that you may depend on't the English will always be your Friends. Let me hear of your Health.

No. 139.

To Tondeman. Dated 16 October 1751.

I have receiv'd the Letter you sent me, I am sorry my People should after such strict orders given do any wrong to the Natives, I have given Directions to Captain Gingins to restore them and not to be guilty of the like in future on pain of my Displeasure; I am glad You are a Friend to Mahomed Ally, He has sent me Copy of a Phirmaund given him by the Mogul for the Government of the Carnateck Country, the English are in Alliance with the Circar & will assist him. Let me hear from you often & write in what I can be of Service to you.

No. 140.

From the Mysore Vakeel. Receiv'd the 20th October 1751.

Your Honour's Attachment to Nabob Aneverdy Cawn's Affairs and your Assistance to him in every Respect is well known to the World as the Sun in the Firmanent. Your Honour is very sensible of the pretended Right of Chunda Saib who apply'd to Muzepher Jung and by the Assistance of the French prov'd a Rebel and is ruining the Inhabitants of this Province by his wicked Proceedings, if this Man is punish'd according to his Deserts, the Great Mogul will be vastly pleas'd and you'll obtain a good Name & Reputation. As to Nabob Aneverdy Cawn, he is of the Family of Omrahs & was honour'd with a Seerpaw by Nauser Jung for the Government of the Arcot Country, besides he has lately receiv'd the great Mogul's Phirmaund and Gazedy Cawn's Letter in Confirmation of that Government, agreeable to which you lately hoisted the Nabob's Flag on Arcot with a full Resolution to place him in the Government of the said Place in order to obtain everlasting Fame by it, I don't doubt but God will grant you Success in that Respect, As you are a Man of Truth and are bent to restore the Nabob to his Right, my Superiour (meaning Dalavoy) has had the pleasure to hear of your Resolution & good Character by several in the Province & agreeable to your Request is inclin'd to assist the Nabob and to be serviceable to him that the Friendship between your Honour and him may be thereby increas' and corroborated in so much that the Towns of Serangapatam and Fort St. David may be look'd upon in the same Light in order to transact Affairs with a strict Union & reap the Benefit thereof, to manifest this Inclination he has sent his Vakeel with a Present & a Letter to You but on account of the Dangers in the Road the Vakeel remains in this Place with the Present but the Letter comes herewith to You, Matters are settled with Morarey and a Sum of Money sent him and He agreed to march with five thousand Horse towards Arcot to join our Troops in order to punish the Wicked & then proceed towards Trichenopoly. This I hope He will soon do, Dalavoy himself resolv'd to march with a strong Reinforcement & to that End set out from Serangapatam on the 29th of September & fix'd his Camp half a Coass Distance from the Town; it is not to be doubted but that he will soon be in this Province. At present Veeramaraz & Venkatara (the King's Generals) are at Carore & I hope will soon join us. By the Blessing of God everything will end with Success in a few Days, the Enemy will be destroyed & you'ill gain a great Name by it, As for other Matters

I shall write to you by the Vakeel. The Nabob and your Officers have wrote Letters to you to which I refer you. Believe me to be your Welwisher and maintain a Correspondence of Letters with me.

No. 141.

From Dalavoy King of Mysore. Receiv'd the 20th October 1751.

I was extreamly glad to receive the two Letters you sent me, In the first you mention that though our Towns lye at a Distance one from the other, yet (on account of the hearty Friendship between us) they were look'd upon as very near, approving at the same time my Assistance to Nabob Aneverdy Cawn & desiring me to be cautious of your Neighbour's Deceit in regard to our Vakeel who was gone to them; You mention also that if the Enemy be successful they will proceed forward in their wicked Designs & you promis'd to be ready to enter into Measures for the Safety of the People and Country. The second Letter mention'd that at the Death of Nausir Jung, Nabob Aneverdy Cawn was Governour of the Province, since which the Mogul has been pleas'd to send him a Phirmaund in Confirmation of it, of which You have a Copy; agreeable to which you thought it reasonable to assist him in obedience to the Mogul & desir'd me also to join Aneverdy Cawn with my Army. I must tell You that these Letters have corroborated the Friendship between us though we have not hitherto had a Correspondence. I have been inform'd of your Neighbour's bad Character from others and am now convinc'd of the same by your Letters. I have therefore ordered our Vakeel who is in their Place to return to me. As I find you firm in your Resolution to assist Aneverdy Cawn, I shall not fail to support him likewise to the utmost of my Ability. I herewith send you a Present as a Token of my Friendship and beg your Acceptance of the same I have some certain Matters to infom you of which it would be too tedious to write to you, I have therefore thought fit to send my Agent, whom I can trust, to you and hope You'll consider thoroughly upon what he may say & then let me know your Answer. You are ingenious.

What can I say more.

No. 142.

From Monozee the King of Tanjour's General. Receiv'd the 26th October 1751.

It is a Thing will known that your Honour's Assistance is chiefly for the Good of the Country. I am very sensible that you'll not neglect to act bravely against the Enemy, The Nabob depending upon your Assistance took Courage to hold out against them, after they had cross'd the River Cavarey the People within the Fort neglected to sally out upon them which gave the Enemy a fair Opportunity to advance & go close to the Walls & raise a Battery by which it appears the Enemy is strongest & the People within the Fort weaken'd, It is true the English and the Nabob are careful about their Affairs but it is no ways advisable for them to suffer the Enemy to come so near the Fort as it will occasion very great Discouragement to the People within, Your Troops at Arcot behav'd bravely against the Enemy but did not hinder them from entering the City, on the contrary retir'd to the Fort there which encourag'd the Enemy to go close to it & raise Batteries against it, Though you have acted wonderfully both in Trichenopoly & Arcot, yet the Enemy seems to be strongest; you should therefore continue to send Reinforcement to your Troops; The Enemy are endeavouring to increase their Strength daily, if they are oppos'd now, they cannot overcome your Troops but if it is delay'd it will be difficult to conquer them. The Enemy have plac'd their Guards in all Parts of the Country which is the Reason that the Nabob's People cannot go safe to you He therefore desir'd me to write which I thought necessary to comply with: The Enemy bear a great Hatred to us which it is impossible to express herein; They have rais'd Disturbances & ruin'd our Country, We are not neglectful to do what we can. We have receiv'd two Letters

from the Northward (suppos'd from Bazera's Son) in answer to what we wrote, wherein he tells us that he is resolved to set out for this Country after the Feast of Dasara, till then your Honour only is able to ballance the Power of the Enemy and act against them which will redound to your Credit. We hear that you have more Troops than the Enemy, It is highly necessary for you to continue to send Reinforcements to your People for the Destruction of the Enemy, If they are once destroy'd, You'll gain a great Name & Reputation The Army from the Northward is soon expected in this Country, We have wrote to Balazee & acquainted him that We are supported by your Help, on the Arrival of the Army every thing will be under your Direction and as you have taken a great deal of Trouble to keep the Enemy from over running the Country, great Fame will attend you. If you neglect at this Juncture it will ruin the whole Affair and be as if You had thrown Poison into the whole Scheme. This is the Time to send Reinforcements. It is the Custom of great Men, if they once undertake a Cause never to forsake it & We have this Confidence in You. I thought it requisite to write the foregoing to You. As your Honour is ingenious I need not urge much to You on this Head. Continue your Affection to me.

What can I say more.

No. 143.

From the King of Tanjour Receiv'd the 27th October 1751.

I have had the Pleasure to receive two Letters from you, advising me that at the Death of Nauser Jung Nabob Aneverdy Cawn was Governour of the Province & has since receiv'd the Mogul's Phirmaund in Confirmation thereof of which he has sent you a Copy wherefore you thought it necessary to undertake to assist him to the utmost of your Power & desire me at the same time to act in Conjunction with him. I must tell You that you have truly gain'd a good Name by assisting Aneverdy Cawn to the publick Good. The French at Pondicherry (who are very sensible of my secret Friendship to you & of your Protection to my Country) bear a great hatred to me and are continually disturbing my Country by sending their Guards to different Parts of it, which it is impossible for me to express. As you have a particular Friendship for me I depend it and am holding out against the Enemy, I look upon Aneverdy Cawn's Success in the same Light as my own and am therefore assisting him in every Respect in a secret Manner & your Honour may be assur'd I shall never neglect to do it. I hope You'll continue your Protection to me & Aneverdy Cawn & as you are inclin'd to procure the publick Good, God will bless you and make you successful over your Enemies according to our Expectations in a short Time. Continue to write to me of your Health and Welfare.

What can I say more.

No. 144.

To the King of Tanjour. Dated 28th October 1751.

You must think it was a great Pleasure to me to receive your Letter by which I observe the Friendship between us is cemented, I shall assist Aneverdy Cawn to the utmost of my Power, if the Myore Troops were join'd we should be able to beat the Enemy in the Field. Ramah writes me some people think I would negotiate with Chunda, be assur'd, I never write to him but at Aneverdy Cawn's Request, and my Letters are first carried open to him and if he chuses he sends them. I desire you will assist him and look upon his Affairs as your own, My Prayers are for his Success as on it depends several other Countries, continue to write me of your Health.

No. 145.

To Vizaram Rauze. Dated 28th October 1751.

When I consider the long Friendship that has subsisted between You and us. I was greatly pleas'd to receive a Letter from You & 'twas a further Satisfaction to hear from the Chiefs of Vizagapatam Ingeram & Maddepollam your kindness to them which I hope You will continue.

I have ordered the Governour of Madrass to enquire into the Affair of Gunnapunda Tommiah's Vessels and that he may come to a more certain Knowledge to send for Jomta Ramanah his Gomastah, You may be assured Justice shall be done, You remember I advanc'd Gunnpunda Tommiah Rs. 15,000 to pay you, he is still indebted to me on that Account Rs. 2,313 which I shall be oblig'd to you to order him to pay.

I have purchas'd for You a Watch, a Perspective Glass with Pictures, a fine Gun, and a pair of Pistols which I shall send You in January.

I was surpris'd to hear from Mr. Westcott at Ingeram that Japhir Ally Cawn had agreeable to Orders sent a Force to take & ruin our Factory there, I have been & am oblig'd to you & Japhir Ally Cawn for your Friendship but am greatly at a Loss for the Reason of this, We have always continued obedient to the Mogul and carried on our Trade agreeable to his Phirmaunds, I desire you will acquaint me with the Occasion of this, that I may judge & act rightly. You well know we are in Alliance with Nabob Aneverdy Cawn who has sent us Copy of a Phirmaund he has receiv'd from the Mogul for the Carnateck Country. We continue to support him at a great Expense and Trouble and I hope he will be successful. I shall be oblig'd to you to write me any News you may receive from Court or Aurangabad and who is appointed by the Mogul as Governour of the Decan Country; I have desir'd Mr. Westcott to acquaint you with some particular Things which please to consider. Continue your Friendship to our Settlements, let me hear often of your Health. Write to me for anything you may want.

What can I say more.

No. 146.

To Monozee. Dated 29th October 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letter with one from the King, Ramah has wrote me of Affairs. I must acquaint you I think myself happy in the King's *Friendship* and look upon his and Mahomed. Ally's Affairs as my own, 'tis this that induces me so freely to write to him what I think may be for his Welfare and advise him of any thing his Enemies may be contriving against him. I desire You will prevail on him to assist Mahomed Ally as he may look upon his good or ill Success as his own; Trichenopoly is a place of great Strength and can easily be defended. We want Troops to beat the Enemy in the Field.

No. 147.

To Ibrahim Ally Cawn Phousdar of Ganjam. Dated 29th October 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letter & observe the Contents. You are sensible that when We first settled at Ganjam a Phirmaund was given us by the Nabob to carry on our Trade free of all Customs and great Indulgence was to be allow'd us, this we credited, but what Oppressions and ill Treatment we have suffer'd in stopping our Trade, laying hold of the Merchants nay even taking our Resident out of the Factory and at different times exacting Money from him you are so well acquainted that I need not mention. I have been inform'd of your Wisdom, good Inclination to encourage Merchants and your Friendship to the English in particular and am on this Account ready to believe what you write me and upon Condition the Merchants pay the Money they owe and We receive a Cowle from the Chickakul Nabob and yourself *for the carrying on Our Affairs* without Molestation & the Grant of that Settlement be given to us paying annually a Sum of Money or Went as shall be agreed upon. I will send a Person to settle at Ganjam, as Mr. Andrews has these Accounts and is acquainted with every thing I have order'd him to write to you and settle these Affairs let me hear of your Health often.

No. 148.

To Japhir Ally Cawn. Dated 29th October 1751.

I have had the Honour of your Letter and now inclose Copy of it to Mr. Andrews & have order'd him to settle Accounts with Saul Beag & what appears due to him shall be paid him. I have often heard of the Friendship you have had for

the English and am pleas'd that it continues. Mr. Westcott at Ingeram writes me that you had receiv'd an order to take from the English their Factory & demolish it, I am greatly at a Loss for the Reason of such an Order, I never heard but that We have in all our Settlements conform'd ourselves to the Mogul's Orders & carried on our Trade according to his Phirmaunds, when the French cut off Anaverdy Cawn & afterwards Nauzer Jung, we continued in Alliance with the Circar & support Mahomed Ally who has the Mogul's Phirmaund for the Carnateck Country at great Expence and Trouble, you must be sensible of the wrong done us I therefore desire you will acquaint me with the Reasons of it that I may judge right of this Affair. Continue your Friendship & write if I can be of any Service to You here. Long Life and Health attend you, what can I say more.

No. 149.

To the Mysore Vakeel. Dated 30th October 1751.

I receiv'd your Letter and observe the Contents, the Letter from the Delavoy of Siringam is arriv'd, I hope the Kings of Mysore and Tanjour will look upon Anaverdy Cawns Affairs as their own for on his Success depends the Welfare of their Countrys, had they join'd him at first Chunda would never have been able to enter the Trichenopoly Country, a favourable Opportunity still offers, and if it is made use of every thing will go well, as We are in obedience to the Mogul, we shall contribute as much as possible to the Good of his Dominions, let me hear from you concerning your Affairs.

No. 150.

From Nabob Anaverdy Cawn. Receiv'd the 1st Novembrr 1751.

On the 19th Instant I receiv'd a Letter from the King of Serangapatam wherein he tells me that he has detach'd 3000 Horse out of Morarey's Army under the Command of Narasingara &ca towards Arcot & that he sent for Morarey with the Rest of his Troops which is 1000 Horse & set out in his Company for Trichenopoly to join me. On the 20th I receiv'd a Letter of the same Purport from Morarey and I am apt to think the above Troops are arriv'd by this Time at Arcot or very near it. We have no Reason to doubt the Truth of the Serangapatam & Morarey's Troops March to our Assistance. In my several Letters lately sent you I have given you a full Account of Matters here, to which I refer you.

What can I say more.

No. 151.

To Salabat Jung. Dated 1st November 1751.

A Letter was brought me said to come from you, but it being wrote in several different Hands gave me Suspicion and upon Enquiry of the Hircars they told me they brought no Letters for the English, that they were sent to Pondicherry and that Mons Dupliex the Gov there forc'd them to bring this Letter. I have since receiv'd another Letter, the Hircars told me they were 23 days coming from Aurangabad, this considering the rainy Season was judg'd impossible, I order'd it to be enquir'd into upon which the Hircars run away which makes me much doubt of the Truth of the Letter.

After the Death of Mustapha Jung I was greatly rejoic'd at your accession to the Government promising myself that the Friendship Nizam & Nazar Jung were pleas'd to honour the English with would be continued by you. I shall not trouble you with a long Account of the Affairs of this Province of which you must be much better inform'd from your own Officers. I shall only acquaint You that upon the unfortunate Accident attending Nazar Jung & your unhappy Confinement I assisted Anaverdy Cawn against your Enemies hoping a favourable Opportunity would offer

to you to punish the wicked & pleasing myself with the Thoughts that I could convince you by this of my sincere Attachment to your Family, I therefore continue to support him ; I have receiv'd a Letter from Mons Dupliex acquainting me he is appointed Governor or Nabob of the Province by the Mogul, another has been sent me by Chunda Saib telling me he is the Nabob ; by your Orders Mahomed Ally has forwarded to me Copy of a Phirmaund given him for the Government of the Carnateck Country, by which you will perceive no less than three Persons lay claim to the Subahship, in these Circumstances 'tis very difficult to judge & act rightly. From an Opinion that the Murder of Nazar Jung was a barbarous and unlawful Action I cannot imagine that his Family would ever give so great a Reward to his Assassins and as we were in Alliance with Nazar Jung who had appointed Mahomed Ally we think it but just to assist him. Wicked Men will make use of all Methods to promote their Designs & should we given up the Governour whom we by orders were ally'd to upon slight Circumstances you might call us false & unfaithful. The Country is full of Enemies and it is difficult to find Means to get a Letter to you. We are inform'd several People have counterfeit Seals of yours & other great Officers therefore request you will please to signify your Pleasure to us in such a Manner as we may have no Reason to doubt it.

Relying on that Friendship we have always experienced from your Family & hope for from You We take the Liberty to acquaint you with the Injuries & Insults offer'd us contrary to the Phirmaunds given us. The French have possess'd themselves of Metchlepatam, the finest Port on this Coast, belonging to You, our Factory there is taken from us by them. Diu Island for which we have a Phirmaund and are ready to pay the Rents, they have seiz'd, our Trade at Narsapore is stopp'd by them & Japhir Ally Cawn has turn'd us out of our Factory at Ingeram. Great Minds delight in doing good, these are the Grievances we beg Leave to lay before You & request you will please to order them to be restor'd us. This we shall look upon as a further Instance of your Friendship, be always mindful of it & really on all Occasions to express our Gratitude. Long Life and Happiness attend You. What can I say more.

No. 152.

To the Delavoy of Seringapatam   Dated 1st November 1751.

The Letter you sent me gave me great Satisfaction as I therein perceiv'd your Inclinations to assist Anaverdy Cawn, from him I have also heard your good Intentions, I must acquaint You the Enemy have cross'd the Calderoon and Coveree and are now encamp'd near Trichinopoly. There is no time to be lost, I must desire therefore you will as soon as possible join Aneverdy Cawn by which means he shall be able to opose them in the Field. You may be assur'd I shall always be glad of Opportunities to convince you how much I esteem your Friendship, write me of your Health often.

No. 153.

To Nabob Anaverdy Cawn   Dated 1st November 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letter which makes me uneasy as I observe thereby that you are so, most of my time and thoughts are taken up with your Affairs. I rejoice at your Success and whenever any thing happens contrary to your Interest, endeavour to remedy it, could my Wishes or Forces make you easy in your Government You would long ago have commanded this Province, but this is only to be effected by the Defeat of your Enemies ; Consider your Affairs and don't deceive yourself and me, allow me out of the sincere Regard I have for you to lay them before you. We have by long Experience found that we are not able to fight the Enemy in the Field, had the Kings of Mysore, Tanjour or Morarey joined you, the Enemy must have been defeated but they have amus'd you with Promises, though they are certain that should your Enemies prove successful their Country must be ruin'd, by this means

they are now so near Trichinopoly; You desir'd me to make a Diversion in the Arcot Country to distress them and oblige them to separate their Forces, I did upon a Promise that you would send Troops to support it, herein you have deceiv'd me and yourself, had a proper Force been sent the Arcot Country must have been yours or they must have given over their Design on Trichinopoly and march'd this Way but what can one or two hundred men do, we are now overpower'd with Numbers, Captain Clive is blockaded in Arcot and we have not Force to relieve him, it was thought that several Poligars would on this Occasion have appear'd in your Behalf but the whole Country is Chunda's, in this Situation it becomes both you and me to consider what Steps are to be taken, the Safety of Trichenopoly is first to be thought of. I have therefore ordered Captain Gingins and Cope to consider what Troops may be necessary for that Purpose and as they write me the rest will be useless and only serve to consume Provisions I desire they may immediately be join'd by yours and sent to Arcot as it will be impossible to keep that Place without Assistanc and it is of too much Consequence to give up. Should these be join'd by the Mysore & Morarey's Horse, it will give a very favourable Turn to Affairs here, therefore I hope you will without Loss of Time put it in Execution. It is left to Captain Cope to have as many Men as he judges necessary and he assures me 'tis impossible for the Enemy to take the Fort, Don't be uneasy and be assur'd I will take no Step but what I judge for your Interest, Captain Gingins must command these Men as such an Expedition requires a Person of Courage and Conduct. I send you Copy of a Letter I have receiv'd from Salabat Jung which You will write me your Opinion of. Continue to write me of your Affairs. My Prayers are that God will prosper them and that after so much Uneasiness You will enjoy perfect Happiness.

P.S. You say the Enemy's Situation is weak, by all Means consult with the Officers and if you can engage them 'twill be much better than being beseig'd in the Fort, if not join what Men are unnecessary to your Horse and send them to Arcot.

No. 154.

FROM MUDAMIAH PHOUSDAR OF CHELLUMBRUM. RECEIVED THE 4TH NOVEMBER 1751.

It was a great Satisfaction to me to receive your Favourable Letter and I wish that God may make you happy and enable you to be serviceable to your Friends.

Sometime ago my Enemies acted against me but upon my representing it to my Master Nabob Abdul Naby Cawn who is at a great Distance from me he was pleas'd to put a Stop to their proceedings by sending several Letters upon that Business. Now they are again disturbing me but I have wrote my Master of it & hope he will prevent them. I have wrote some certain Matters to Padre Kiernander & Comrapah to whom I refer you & beg you'll comply with what they may say to You for my Happiness. I lately lodg'd some of my Houshold Goods in the Bounds of Deve Cotah by your Honours Consent. Now I have sent an Elephant and other Cattle with some Goods to be secur'd there and desire You'll be so kind to write to the Commanding Officer to take care of them & not to suffer any body to seize them. In case any of my Family should go thither for Shelter I request you will give them Protection I wish you Health & Happiness. What can I say more.

No. 155.

FROM MUDAMIAH. RECEIV'D THE 9TH NOVEMBER 1751.

I was extremely glad to receive your kind Letter. Now I have the Pleasure to acquaint You that on the 6th Inst. I receiv'd from my Master Nabob Abdul Nabey Cawn a Confirmation of my Government, it hath pleas'd him also to send me a Present of Cloth & a Horse which I expect to receive in a few Days, He has wrote a Letter to Chunda Saib acquainting him that I am confirm'd by him & desiring him

not to hearken to my Adversaries on the Contrary to continue his Favour & Countenance to me; as the Letter was brought to me I have forwarded it to the Army By the Blessing of God I think myself clear of Danger at present which is owing to yours & several others Friendship to me. Regard our old Friendship & continue your Correspondence with me.

What can I say more.

No. 156.

FROM NABOB ANAVERDY CAWN. RECEIVED THE 17TH NOVEMBER 1751.

I have the Pleasure to acquaint you that I have received a Letter from Nabob Gazedy Cawn in Confirmation of the Government of the Carnateck Country in which he has set forth his Majesty's Favour & Kindness to me directing me at the same-time to be firm in dispatching the Affairs of the Circar, a Copy of which I send herewhith to You that You may know his Majesty's favourable Opinion of me. Morarey has informed me by a Letter of his Inclination to come to my Assistance as soon as possible in Company with the Delavoy of Mysore which I also send herewith for your perusal Now we cannot doubt of his coming to me & sending his Troops to Arcot, please God it will soon be done & then I hope our Affairs will meet with Success according to our Desire. I have not received News from Arcot these several Days, if you have any please to transmit it to me. I have wrote to Morarey to send two or three thousand Horse under the Command of his Brother to your Assistance at Arcot as soon as possible which he consented to do and in order thereto made his Army pass through Bobetvady Camana: I suppose he has detach'd them by this time, himself resolving to march to the Trichenopoly Country.

As Mr. Gingins is the Head Officer I don't think it advisable to part with him but if you think proper to send a part of your Troops in Conjunction with those of the Circar through the Mysore Country, it shall be complied with I therefore desire you'll write to Mr. Gingins to remain here with a contented Heart. As to sending Part of your Troops I shall act agreable to the Directions you may send me.

I understand by what my Vakeels at Court write me, that his Majesty, Gazedey Cawn & the other Courtiers were exceeding glad to hear of your Alliance with me to transact the Mogul's Affairs & they approv'd of your Management By the Blessing of God you will merit his Majesty's Favour, He has a favourable Opinion of me which is owing to your Friendship. I wish that God may increase your Honour & Dignity and that the Event of our Affairs may be attended with Happiness. You are my true Friend. There are some Affairs here which ought to be immediately despatch'd by your Officers who will not venture to undertake them without orders from you, which can't be sent so soon as the Business may require by reason of the great Distance between us, I therefore desire you'll in regard to the sincere Friendship between us, write to Messrs. Gingin & Cope & command them strictly to look upon my Order in the same Light as your own and dispatch all Affairs without waiting to hear from You, this Diligence will be a means to grant us Success.

Copy of a Letter from Nabob Gazedy Cawn to Aneverdy Cawn.

I was extremely well pleas'd to receive the three Letters of Congratulation you sent me upon my Preferment to the Government of the Decan Country together with the Present of Money by two Bills of Exchange, I also receiv'd your answer to his Majesty's Phirmaund at the same time. It was a great Satisfaction to me to observe by the said Letters that you are faithful to me & that you are firm in keeping your own Districts though the Country is in troubles occasion'd by my Brother's Death and the sad Proceedings of the wicked. You say that you conceiv'd a great Joy on my being appointed Governour of the Decan Country which indeed is owing to your true Friendship to me. You inclos'd me some Letters sent you by my deceas'd Brother under his own Hand together with a Petition presented him by you in which he also wrote with his own Hand, this you did in order to let me know the great Esteem my Brother had for you and the Confidence he plac'd in you. I must tell you that on my perusing those Letters &ca I was fully convinc'd of your sincerity & observe that your Father had a great Post always under us & as he was faithful, Favours

were shewn him & You by my deceas'd Father & Brother, on my part I am inclin'd to make you happy in an extraordinary Manner. I look upon You to be my Welwisher, You may therefore be firm in the Management of the Affairs of your Districts, Destroy the Disturbers & settle the Country in a proper Manner. Behave yourself as a Welwisher to us. I have presented your two Letters with the presents to his Majesty to whom I explain'd your Fidelity as was requisite & he was thereupon inclin'd to shew you extraordinary Favours. You may be assur'd or my Favour & good Inclination to you & continue to write to me.

In Gazedey Cawn's own Hand.

I have an Inclination to see you.

Copy of a Letter from Morarey to Nabob Anaverdy Cawn.

I was extremely glad to receive your Letter wherein you was pleas'd to desire me to send 2000 Horse to the Assistance of Arcot & then to come myself to You in company with the Delavoy of Mysore. Let me take the Liberty to inform You that a Month ago Chunda Saib sent a Substantial Person to negotiate with me but as our Friendship is of a long Standing, from the time of your deceas'd Father, I did not chuse to send my Assistance to him but to You only. I have been incamp'd these two Months upon Canama with my Army at a great Expence as you must be sensible. There still remains one Quarter Part unpaid out of what was agreed on with the Mysore Delavoy. My Vakeel is gone to talk to him about it; I have receiv'd Advice that the Delavoy set out from Mysore, enter'd into his Tent and will soon join me. I shall send my Troops to Arcot to defeat the Enemy's Son. On the 19th there came two Messengers from the Fort of Arcot & ask'd me when I should send my Troops, I answer'd them that I was ready to do it very soon & after I had given them a Present & comforted them, sent them back to the Fort; You may be assur'd that I shall not enjoy my Ease and Quietness till I have finish'd your Affairs and then I shall congratulate you on your Success & afterwards take my Leave & return home. You should think fit to satisfy me for my Trouble, what the Delavo has agreed on is of no great Consequence to me, my Dependance is upon You & You should help me in every Respect, after the Victory you should endeavour to get Presents from the Tanjour King &ca. I must repeat that my whole Dependence in regard to the Presents is upon you God will grant you Victory, make yourself perfectly easy, on the 17th I receiv'd a Letter from Sumpetrow which I answer'd desiring him to encourage the People within the Fort of Arcot & assuring him of the Arrival of my Army very soon; It is my best Wishes that You may be successful in your Undertakings. Detach your Troops by the Way of Salem Canama, Cavarapalam & Daramporey that they may join me in the Road, Let them write to me often, it is needless for me to enlarge much to You on this Head, if it pleases God the Enemy will meet with Shame & Disgrace.

P.S. I am determin'd to get my Army into the Paingaut Limits through Budeycota Canama & Boobetdary, this last is the Road that Nauser Jung's Army pass'd through. I am within 4 Coasses of these Canamas, Your Hircars will inform you of it. Depend upon it I shall soon pass the Canamas.

No. 157.

To Chunda Saib's Sister's Son at Ravanaloor. Dated 19th November 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letter and observe the Contents. I desire you will continue to write me of your health.

No. 158.

To Mudamiah at Chellumbrum. Dated the 22d November 1751.

I receiv'd your Letter & agreeable to your Request have wrote to the Officer at Devicotah to take care of your Goods which you may send there. I lately offer'd to send you ten men & a Gun. Let me know how it stands with You.

What can I say more.

No. 159.

FROM MANOZEE AT TANJOUR. RECEIV'D THE 22ND NOVEMBER 1751.

I was extremely well pleas'd to receive your Letter & to know the Contents thereof, what you are pleas'd to write is certainly true, is it possible for one to make oneself Happy by submitting to the Enemy's Mercy. We are cautious in that Respect, if we act openly against them at present, our Country will be ruin'd as Carical is situated near our Limits & their Army lies to the Westward of the Fort, We therefore pass our time in a politick Manner at present but by Degrees You shall see what are our real Resolutions, We have made the necessary Preparations but for all that we depend upon your Assistance which we esteem better. If the Mysore Troops arrive jointly with those of Morarey towards Arcot & Trichenopoly the Polygars from different Parts will readily join us which will give a favourable Turn to Affairs as you must be sensible. The Enemy intreated us very much to send our Forces to their Assistance which we neglected to do Your real Assistance to Mahomed Ally Cawn gains Happiness to the People in the Country, Every one wishes you Sucess in your Undertakings, As for all other Matters I refer you to Ramah's Letters send You from Time to Time. Continue your Friendship to us.

What can I say more.

No. 160.

TO LALA SADASHAVAROW. DATED 23D NOVEMBER 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letter and observe the Contents. You must remember what I talk'd to You when you was with me. Chunda & the French tell us that they are appointed Governours of this Province but how is it possible to believe that those People who had kill'd Nazar Jung should be thus honour'd by his Brother; We cannot give any Credit to this, till it is confirm'd to us beyond Doubt, therefore as we were in alliance with Nazar Jung, so we continue Friends to Mahomed Ally, 'tis difficult to send or receive Letters, Write me of Affairs at Court & Salabat Jung's Camp, & let me know if I can serve You

No. 161.

FROM THE KING OF TANJOUR. RECEIV'D THE 22D NOVEMBER 1751.

I was extremely glad to receive your Friendly Letter wherein you was pleas'd to intimate that the Offers of Friendship which you heard some certain Persons have made to me were only a Snare as a Bird is entic'd into the Mouth of a Serpent which you thought requisite to acquaint me with promising at the same time to be a Friend to me always Let me inform you that I know what you write to be true. Those people are wicked & mischievous, I can never maintain a real Friendship with them. They do us a great deal of Injury which it is impossible to express herein to You. Our Forces are decreas'd at present on account of their Molestations. Carical is situated near my Limits besides their Army lies encamp'd to the Westward of our Fort in order therefore to prevent Damage to my Country & People I thought it advisable to profess an outward Friendship to them but they know very well the strict & perfect Union between You & me which is the Reason they are enrag'd against me and are doing me several Injuries notwithstanding I have the secret Consolation of your Friendship and believe that You'll never neglect to assist me upon Occasion I took Courage to stay here depending upon your Friendship, for the rest I refer you to Ramah's Letters sent You from time to time.

I am not negligent to make the necessary Preparations in as secret a Manner as possible and am waiting for an Opportunity to act. By the Blessing of God it is now near at Hand; I hope that Success will attend your Undertakings that both Mahomed Ally & I may be happy; On the Arrival of Morarey & the Mysore Troops we shall take the Field jointly with the Polygars Forces that we have gather'd together in readiness. The Mysore & Morareys Troops shall attack the Enemy on one Side &

we on the other to give them a fatal Blow, this I hope will happen in a short time. I must repeat that in order to avoid their present Molestations we pretended Friendship to them but we have contriv'd some secret Schemes against them, as You are ingenious I am certain that You are acquainted with State Policy and that you know our above Designs. We aim at high Things. You are assisting Mahomed Ally Cawn's Affairs in every Respect which is the same as assisting me to preserve my Country. I need not be afraid of a Serpent while I have Garada (meaning your honour) to protect me against its Injury. The serpent can have no Strength to hurt me, on the contrary will himself perish. My whole Dependence is upon You, as for other Matters I refer you to Manozee's Letter, Please to write me constantly concerning your Health.

The Garada is a kind of Kite commonly call'd a Braminy Kite whenever a Serpent sees him he loses his Strength & Motion & sometimes dies in the Instant, if the Garada perceives him, He surely kills him with his Beak.

No. 162.

To Nabob Anaverdy Cawn. Dated 25th November 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letter & observe the Contents. I am to inform You Boojingarow is arriv'd at Arcot but not till after two Breaches had been made in the Fort & the Enemy attack'd it in four places but were replus'd with the Loss of a great many Men, I believe most of their Europeans & Coffreys, they decamp'd next day leaving their Cannon, where Chundah's Son is gone I don't hear, some say to Veloor, others Auney, As I have your Welfare sincerly at heart I am glad on all occasions to see Men behave well, whatever advantages you may reap from this are entirely owing to the Valour of Captain Clive. Timmery, Coverepauk & Collery Forts have surrender'd but what Advantage will this be to You, 'twil weaken our small Force greatly to leave Men in them ; I have desired Sumpetrow to order Amuldars to these Places to collect the Rents & that he would give our Officers an Order to raise Contributions on those Countries that have fought against You ; I am sorry to tell You he behaves very ill & neglects your Affairs ; though the Tripoty Money has been so long collected & Buckenjee's People would have given Bills for it, I request you will write to him severely and put him in mind of his Duty ; it is reported that the French are endeavouring to buy the Moratta's to Chunda's Interest but I hope they will not succeed, You are sensible the Morattas plunder every where, please to get an order from Morarey, that they don't disturb our Districts. When I hear of his Arrival at Trichenopoly I shall write to him. I have ordered Captain Cope & Gingins to mind your Affairs & be agreeable to you and when you are join'd by the Morattas & the Mysore Troops I hope to hear of the Enemy's Defeat; it was a great Pleasure to me to read in Gazedy Cawn's Letter the Regard he has for you, may God bless you with Success & make you happy. I am sensible your own Affairs give you a great Deal of Uneasiness which is the Reason I don't trouble you with mine but I must inform You that the French got an order from Salabat Jung for destroying our Factories to the Northward. Our Colours have been torn down at Ingeram and orders given for those of Meddepollam & Upparra but the Country People have a Respect for us and put those orders very slightly in Execution, I am told that If I would forsake you, every thing would be quiet, but this I won't do, if they destroy them all. Vizaram Rauze and I have always been upon very good Terms, he has assisted us greatly, as there is a great Friendship subsisting between You and Him I desire you will write to him very pressingly to continue his Assistance to us, please to send the Letter to me which I will forward. Continue to write to me of your Affairs.

I have just receiv'd your Letter & have ordered if Occasion require both Captain Gingins & Cope to stay. Desire Morarey to write to Boojingarow to stay in the Arcot Country.

No. 163.

From Worriar, the Polygar. Receiv'd the 26th of November 1751

I was extremely glad to receive your Letter together with that of Nabob Aneverdy Cawn Behader, You was pleas'd to promise therein to assist me upon Occasion and desir'd me to depend upon your Friendship requesting me at the same time to assist the Nabob. In regard to what I wrote you before, you say you have spoke to my Vakeel. I am oblig'd to you for your sincere Friendship to me. The Nabob has been always very favourable to me, I am very anxious for his Success; Your honour may be assur'd that I shall not neglect to be agreeable to him; I have great Confidence in your Hon^rs promise to my Vakeel to assist me upon occasion, I shall apply to you whenever I may be in want of it. As there is perfect Unity between us, I need not urge much to you on this head.

It is a long time since my Vakeel came to your place, please to order him to be sent to me as soon as possible. I have wrote my Answer to the Nabob's Letter. Please to increase the old Friendship between us & continue to write to me of your Health & of what I can be of Service to You. What can I say more.

No. 164.

To Mahomed Cawn. Dated 26th November 1751.

I am sorry to hear you are assisting the Enemys of Nabob Anaverdy Cawn Behader, Your Family is here I shall give them my protection & assist them. You are now fighting against your Brother, this appears to me very unnatural, preserve your Affection to him by which means you both may be happy. Give over your present Design and strengthen that Friendship which has always subsisted between me and You.

No. 165.

To Mudamiah. Dated 26th November 1751.

I have receiv'd your letter, I wish you had accepted the Assistance I before offer'd you, I now send it and don't doubt but by this means you will defeat your Enemies, the Return I ask for this is that you will not be an Enemy to Anaverdy Cawn the Legal Nabob. Write to your Brother & assure him of your Affection, I hope he will consider & desist from his present Undertaking. Write me of your affairs & wherein I can be of Service to You.

No. 166.

From Tondaman. Receiv'd the 28th of November 1751.

I was extremely well pleas'd to receive your Letter which gave an account of the Arrival of the Mogul's Phirmaund to the Nabob in Confirmation of the Government of this Country. I was also glad to receive the Letter You wrote to the Commanding Officer of your Army requiring him to return my Cattle. You desir'd me to continue my Assistance to the Nabob. You may be assur'd that I shall never neglect to do it, You must be acquainted with my Inclination on that Head and I need not urge much to You. I hope you'll on your part give your Assistance to the Nabob as may be requisite. Don't forget your true Friends.

No. 167.

From Mahomed Cawn. Receiv'd the 29th November 1751.

I beg Leave to inform your honour that Nabob Abdul Naby Cawn was pleas'd to grant a Saned to Salem Cawn the Devan and Senevasera the Vakeel for the Government of Chellumbrum in my name and directed them to apply to the Subidar

of Arcot & get his Troops to my Assistance & seize Mudamiah together with Pillah to be sent to Cudapa. The Divan & Vakee got the Subidars Troops to go along with me, deliver'd me the Saned & return'd, On my part I arriv'd at Chellumbrum on the 7th of this month but Mudamiah march'd with 7 or 800 Peons & 100 Horse with Guns Rockets & Wallpieces & engag'd me at Nagachery, He lost a great Number of his Men and I a few, at length he was oblig'd to retreat into the Fort with a few Men leaving his Guns in the Field but I pursued and am now besieging him. I hear your Honour intends to send Assistance to Mudamiah let me inform you that I am a Man of a large Family & have liv'd under your protection these 8 Years which I hope you are acquainted with. I have the Nabob's Saned in my hand but Mudamiah prov'd faithless to his Master by acting against his Orders. The Nabob's Affairs have suffer'd greatly by his Means on which account I was appointed & sent hither with the Saned. My Family has been under your Protection a long time & I have no Patron except your Honour. I am of a true Race, born of a Woman lawfully married but Mudamiah is a Bastard which I suppose you know of. He has been Amuldar at Chellumbrum these 11 Years, He and Pillah have detain'd about 20 Lacks of Rupees & given no account to their Superiours. I was ordered to examine into this. Your Honour is well acquainted with the Nature of all Affairs, I therefore think it needless to urge much to you.

No. 168.

FROM MUDAMIAH. RECEIV'D THE 29TH NOVEMBER 1751.

I have had the Honour to receive your two Letters advising that you have sent you Troops to my Assistance which indeed gave me great Encouragement. They arriv'd near Chellumbrum on the 28th upon which the Enemy who lay encamp'd in the Suburbs of the Town decamp'd through Fear and Confusion & march'd to the Village of Kearapala one Coass Distance from Chellumbrum, this Village belongs to the Chellumbrum Country. Rangoepunt who heard of your Assistance to me sent 150 Seapoys from Venkatampet under the Command of Vencatara his Nephew to join the Enemy. They are now both encamp'd in the same Place.

Agreeable to your Honours Directions I took your Troops within the Fort. You are pleas'd to intimate in your letter that in return for the Assistance sent me I should be agreeable to Nabob Aneverdy Cawn & not behave to him as an Enemy. Let me inform You that I have laid aside all Thought of receiving Assistance either from the French or Chunda Saib & put my Confidence entirely in You, I shall therefore act according to your Pleasure & on no account fail in my promises. I hope You'll be pleas'd to do whatever may be conducive to my Happiness and also to order that the Government of Chellumbrum Country be settled in its former Situation. You was pleas'd to advise me to write to my Brother with an Offer of Affection which perhaps may divert him from his present undertakings. Sir I try'd as far as I could to make him my Friend but he would not agree to any thing, He has been my bitter Enemy from a long time, as he is now under the Protection of the Enemy He will never come to Agreement with me. The Commanding Officer of your Troops declar'd his Resolution to return to your honour but I prevail'd on him with many Intreaties to stay with me & promis'd to send for your Letter with Directions to stay & act in Conjunction with me till the Enemy was gone, Your Protection & Assistance to me is well known to the World, my Honour & Credit depend entirely upon you, I hope therefore that you'll soon write a Letter to the Officer to the above Purport, but if he resolves to return to you before Affairs are settled I shall leave this Country & come to you with him. I have hitherto maintain'd a Correspondence with You in a secret Manner but as it is now made publick, the Enemy will certainly contrive my Ruin. I must assure you that my whole Dependence is upon You, protect and assist me in a proper Manner. Sarmast Cawn inform'd me that it is your Pleasure. I should keep an Agent whom I can trust in your Place which I shall do very soon.

What can I say more.

No. 169.

FROM MUDAMIAH. RECEIV'D THE 30TH NOVEMBER 1751.

In my last to you I gave You a full Account of my Affairs. The Three Officers of your Troops intend to return to you which makes me beg youll send an Express to them as soon as possible to stay with me and act against the Enemy till they are gone from these Parts, otherwise I shall enjoy no Benefit, I must therefore repeat to You soon to favour me with an order for the Officers to stay with me, if not my Affairs will be ruin'd. Health & Happiness to you.

No. 170.

FROM MUDAMIAH. RECEIV'D THE 1ST DECEMBER 1751.

I beg Leave to inform your Honour that on the 28th of Last Month the Enemy decamp'd & halted at Keerapala and on the 29th plunder'd the neighbouring Villages, carrying away Cattle & Grain. On the 30th about 4 o'clock in the Morning the Commanding Officer of your Troops march'd against the Enemy some of my Men went along with him. They engag'd each other but by the Bravery of your Officer the Enemy were defeated, cross'd the River of Bonagary & fled, as this Victory was owing to your Favour & the Valour of your Officer, I take the Liberty to congratulate you upon the Occasion. I have receiv'd Advice that Mahomed Cawn has sent his Son & Nephew to Pondicherry to acquaint the Governr there of my Union with You, & then to bring his Troops to act against me, that he has also wrote to Chunda Saib for a Reinforcement and is resolv'd to take the Fort, I therefore beg you'll write to the Officer to stay a few Days here & punish the Enemy in such a Manner that they may not think of coming again to Chellumbrum. The Enemy return'd in the Evening & fix'd their Camp in the Field of Battle, it is therefore necessary to write to the Officer as above. The Friendship between me & the Company is of a long Standing, I hope therefore that You'll continue your Assistance to the very End.

What can I say more.

No. 171.

TO MUDAMIAH. DATED 1ST DECEMBER 1751.

I have receiv'd your several Letters and observe the Contents, I am glad to hear from Captain Love that the Enemy are dispers'd therefore there is no Necessity for all the People to remain, I have wrote to Captain Love to leave as many as is necessary and such Stores as are wanting and if Mahomed Cawn gives you any further Trouble. I shall immediately send People to your Assistance and have wrote to the Officer at Devecotah to protect any thing You may send there. Send me Copy of the Letter You receiv'd from Abdul Nabey Cawn, Cudapah Nabob in regard to your Government. Write me of your Affairs & let our Friendship increase.

One Hussan Mahomed Cawn that formerly was at Chellumbrum offers to come into your Service with 300 seapoys & Gopul Narrain with his People will act in the Bonagary Country if agreeable to You. This you will write me of.

No. 172.

FROM MUDAMIAH. RECEIV'D THE 5TH DECEMBER 1751.

I beg Leave to inform to your Honour that on the 3d Instant in the Morning Captain Love order'd his Troops in readiness & told me he was about to return, I answer'd him that a strong Body of the Enemy's Troops were within one Coass and that his Departure would be attended with very bad Consequence, to this he reply'd that if I would suffer him to hoist the English Flag he would stay. When I saw him this inclin'd I told him he might hoist it only for the present which he did agreeing with me to let the Fort & Chellumbrum Country to be under my Power and Management

& he promis'd to secure them for me saying I was free to govern them as before. I plac'd my Confidence in you and permitted the Flag to be hoisted for the present. My future Happiness depends entirely upon You. For other Matters I refer you to the verbal Account of Sarmart Cawn & Jamal Cawn.

What can I say more.

No. 173.

From Mudamiah. Receiv'd the 5th December 1751.

I have receiv'd your Honour's Letter advising me that you have wrote to Captain Love to leave as many men here as may be wanting together with the necessary Stores. You are pleas'd to say that you have ordered the Officer at Devecotah to protect anything I may send there for which I am much oblig'd to You. I sent by Jamal Cawn Copies of several Phirmaunds from Nabob Abdul Nabey Cawn which I hope you have receiv'd. I am certain that you'll send me Assistance whenever Mahomed Cawn may offer to give me further Trouble. Agreeable to your Honour's Directions the Captain left the Number of Men requisite and march'd to your place on the 3d instant Mahomed Cawn on account of his being indebted to Abdul Nabey Cawn thought fit to take his Residence in Cuddalore but one Mahomed Raphey a perfidious Wretch stirr'd him up and was the Author of all these Evils; I have done good Offices to Mahomed Cawn but he has behav'd very ill to me which is well known to the World; If you enquire into You'll be convinc'd of the Truth. Jamal Cawn will inform You in every Respect. I have done no Wrong either to Abdul Nabey Cawn or Chunda Saib, the former was pleas'd to write a Letter in my Behalf to the latter which he sent by a Camel, He also sent me a Phirmaund which was detain'd by the Enemy a Copy of my Masters' Letter to Chunda Saib which arriv'd the latter End of last Month I sent to Jamal Mahomed who will shew it you. I think it highly necessary to beg your Honour's letter to Nabob Abdul Nabey Cawn, be pleas'd to write one & send it me.

In regard to the Seapoys you wrote me of please to let me know the monthly Amount of their Wages, I shall then give you an answer. As to Gopul Narain if your Honour be mindful of that Business, it may be easily done. Mahomed Cawn has now recall'd his Troops which were dispers'd continues in Bonagary from whence he goes & plunders the Inhabitants of Chellumbrum Country, makes them prisoners & cuts & carries away the Corn half ripe. I send you two or three different Sorts of Sweetmeat made in my House & beg your Acceptance of it.

Copy of a Letter from Nabob Abdul Nabey Cawn to Mudamiah.

I receiv'd your Letter which gave an Account of the Disturbance rais'd Mahomed Raphey. You say that Saleam from Hussanzey obtain'd Leave from Chunda Saib before he finish'd our Affairs & that Mahomed Raphey settled Matters with the said Hussanzey who therefore undertook to assist Mahomed Cawn: Let me inform You that my Servants in general have hitherto behav'd faithfully to me so that I cannot suspect him (suppos'd to be Hussanzey in this Affair I never wrote to Chunda Saib to give the Government to Mahomed Cawn, I suppose Mahomed Raphey advanc'd Falsities in that Affair. You know as well as others that Lies will never prevail This Mahomed Raphey is a perfidious Wretch, He will shew a Muster of Wheat & deliver Joah (a bad kind of Grain) in its stead; By the Blessing of God He will soon meat with his Deserts. You say that you are my old Servant and that it was not proper for me to deliver you to be sacrific'd by Chunda Saib; I assure You that I have no such Intentions and am sorry that some evil Doers have created such Misunderstandings between us. Don't believe Lies but place your Confidence in the Phirmaund sent you & make yourself perfectly easy. In my Letter to Chunda Saib I desir'd him not to give the Government to Mahomed Cawn but to confirm you in it telling him that You have a present of a Horse & Cloth from me for the Government & intreated him therefore to give You the same present on His part. I told him plainly not to shew his Favour to Mahomed Cawn but to you only. I therefore direct you to encourage the Husbandmen & make the Country fruitful, You'll take care of the

Fort in a proper Manner, You may be assur'd that false Saneds will never stand valid. You are my old Welwisher & for sundry good Offices receiv'd from you I esteem you as my own Brother. You know very well that I am in great Want to pay my Servants of which I wrote to Sevaraw. I receiv'd a Cane you sent me and request you'll procure me the Goods according to the List I inclos'd you lately.

N.B. With this came Copies of several other Letters & Phirmaunds to prove Mudamiah's Right to the Chellumbrum Government.

No. 174.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN BEHAUDER. REC'D 10TH DECEMBER 1751.

I was extreamly glad to know that by the Bravery of Mr. Clive (on the Arrival of Buzangara with his Army) the Enemy's Son was oblig'd to raise the seige of Arcot Fort & to fly towards Velore. I must tell you that this is owing to Gods mercy, good wishes of elders & your Honours good Conscience. as it is a great Victory it is my wish that God may grant you, me and all our Friends joy on this Account.

I am glad that Mr. Clive gave such proof of his Valour and that your fame and Reputation are talk'd of in the World as was requisite. I wrote several Letters to the Mogull and Gazedy Cawn in your behalf both now and before and you'll soon see the happy effects of it. I am in hopes that his Majesty will send his Phirmaund granting you a Title. Menseb & Jaqueer I have prepar'd and got ready the necessaries of the Noubet and am about getting the people who play upon it, as soon as the Road is clear it shall be sent to You. I have granted Mr. Clive the title of Behauder and hope you'll stile him so in your Letters to him. Let the Fort of Arcot be deliver'd now to the care of Mr. Clive for whom I shall send you a writing for the menseb and Jagueer by and by. I desire you'll Continue him as the head Commander, if you send any body to him with a force, let him act under him for Mr. Clive Deserves to be Chief.

Mayasore Delavoy and Morarey arrived in Carore with Ten Thousand Hor[se] my Brother Abdull Vahaba Cawn who went to meet them join'd the Delavoy in a few days these will come to Trichenopoly then by the help of God we shall defeat the Enemy. As the Delavoy and Morarey are now within Twenty Coasses; I thought it Requisite to keep Mr. Gingins with me that he may engage and destroy the Enemy in conjunction with them in which case you'll gain an extraordinary Fame. I lie under a great obligation to You in every Respect. Continue to write to me.

What can I say more.

In Aneverdy Cawns own hand.

As this Victory is owing to your Assistance I wish that God may Grant you Joy for it.

N.B. An Epithet or preamble mention'd in this Letter is more Honble than the former.

No. 175.

TO NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN BEHAUDER. DATED 20TH DEC^R 1751.

I have receiv'd your Letter and am Glad to hear your Affairs go on so well at Trichinopoly. You say the Mysore Troops and Morattas are near, I wish they may be of service to you but I find those people are not to be trusted Capt Clive has beat the Enemy several times. Boojungrow is arriv'd here and has plunder'd several Countries and now talks of going to Trichinopoly if he does Affairs will be just as they were before I shall be oblig'd to call my people from Arcot therefore desire Moraree to order him to stay for want of good managem^t Chunda's Son has got together his forces and we have him to beat again and your Affairs are not at all the better, you must lose no time but get an express order for his stay, if the Mysore and Moratta people are faithfull Friends to you I may expect soon to hear you have defeated

Chunda advise me when Moraree arrives that I may write to him. Your Affairs suffer greatly for want of good Amuldars write to Sumpetrow to exert himself through the Tripoty money has been collected by your people yet the best part of it is not paid which Sumpetrow must know of. I Desire you will mortgage to us or send us a power on your Amuldars to receive the Rents of Munnamungalem Conjeveram and Tripissore those Countrys have been greatly ruin'd by Chunda's people and as Bonagary lies near us give us an order for that also, what sums we may Receive we shall Account with you for, I have assisted the Phousdar of Chellumbrum and Desired him to write to you. Capt. Clive has Drove the Enemy from Conjeveram. Let me hear from you often.

No. 176.

FROM NABOB ANEVERDY CAWN BEHAUDER. REC'D 21ST DEC^r 1751.

I was extreamly glad to Receive your Letter of the 16th of the Moon Moharram on the 1st of Saprer the present Moon and it gave me an Account of the Victory at Arcot, Timerey, Calavah, and Cavarapack which were also possessed by the help of God and by the good management and Valour of you and Mr. Clive it is my wishes that God may grant me and You joy on this Account and encrease your fame & Reputation (occasion'd by your Assistance) in this world in an extra manner.

You desir'd me to write to Sumpetrow to Appoint the Killedars & Amuldars for the Forts & districts & to Consider and settle Contribution to be demanded and Collected from those who acted an Enemy's part against me and I Observe what you write to me of the negligence and ill management of Sumpetrow especially in the Affair at Tripoty Now I have wrote an express to Sumpetrow not to neglect my Affairs as before but to exert himself as the Morattas are plunderers you request that I should procure Morareys Letter to Buzangara that he may not molest your Districts agreeable to which I have wrote for a Letter from Morarey as soon as I Receive it, it shall be sent you, I have also wrote to Morarey to Direct Buzangara to stay in the Arcot Country with the army & I hope he will act Accordingly, in case, Buzangara comes to Trichinopoly he must leave the Army in the said Country. On the 27th of the last Moon Nangaraz & Morarey paid a visit to my brother Abdul Vahaba Cawn at Carore about six thousand of their Horses under the Command of Veararar and Venkatara march'd before them and arrived at Kishnarayapore and Tottiam 12 Coasses distance from Trichenopoly and I hope they will be here in a few days, then Mr. Gingin &ca will join them and act together to defeat the Enemy.

Agreeable to your Desire I have wrote a Letter to Vizaramrauze in the strongest Terms I was able & Desir'd him to assist in your Affairs of the factorys I send that Letter open to you. You may depend upon it I shall write to him repeated Letters upon that business to be sent to him by my own Hircars. I shall also write to Court & Gazedy Cawn & send for their Orders, make yourself perfectly easy in every Respect I look upon your Affairs in the same light as my own no damage shall happen to the English Factorys. The French will meet with their Deserts from what they have done, be perfectly easy and believe me to be your obliged Friend. Continue to write to me.

What can I say more.

P.S. Concerning the assistance to your factories besides the Letter to Vizaram Rauz I have wrote to Shaick Barketulla the Backshey & Rama Singa the Secretary & desir'd them to engage their Interest in this Affair these Letters will also be brought to you.

No. 177.

TO NABOB ANNEVERDY CAWN BEHAUDER. DATED 29TH DEC^r 1751.

I have received your Letter and have since heard from Captain De Gingins of the success over the Enemy wch congratulate you on I look upon it as a good omen of your future Victorys as I before wrote you if your Allies prove faithfull Chunda's affair

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must be ruin'd We are now to consider how to prevent is the Retreat to Pondicherry. Chunda's Son has collected a force & is gone against Timmery We want the Moratta horse they are gone and seem to trifle with your Orders & so does Sumpetrow. We have been at very great Expences Capt. Gingins writes me you will not advance him anything Sumpetrow has receiv'd the Tripoty money but will not pay it, you know I would serve you in anything but cannot ruin myself and the Compy. I have no money & if you do not advance Captn Gingins for his expences and order Sumpetrow to pay the Tripoty money I am under the necessity of recall my people therefore desire you will immediately dispatch this business. I have gain'd the Chellumbrum Phousdar to your Interest send me a Phirmaund for that Country to him as Amuldar of the Cuddapah Nabob & write me what rents he is to pay. I shall forward the Letter you enclos'd me to Vizaram Rauz and hope he will look upon our Affairs as his own, as nothing but the Enemys proving unsuccessful in this Province prevents them *from making disturbances in the* Rajahmundrum and Chickacull Circars. may every day encrease your happiness.

What can I say more.

No. 178.

To Muddamiah Phousdar of Chellumbrum. Dated 31st Decr 1751.

It is a long time since I Receiv'd a Letter from you I now enclose you a List of the Batta to be paid my people with you who Complain for want of it, One Cannaca Raypilla has rented the Verdachilum Country of the Nabob if you can be of Assistance to each other do. I send you a present of some broad Cloth as pr List enclos'd I desire you will write me and let me know how your Affairs go on.

	RS.	FS.
An Ensign	3	
Serjeant	1	
Soldier		6
Jemmidar		6
Hovildars & Naigurs		4
Sepoy		3
Lascars		2
Subadar	1	